

# **PRAIRIE CORVETTE GAZETTE**

**October 2019**

**Newsletter**

**National Corvette  
Restorers Society**

**Next Meeting**

**October 18 & 19, 2019**

**Nebraska NCRS Chapter**

**Sponsored Last Blast - Two Day  
Judging Event and School!**

**Information included in this newsletter**

**Chairman's Message**

**Looks like the NCA Corvette Show in Lincoln last month was a lot of fun. Unfortunately, I was out of town and missed it. Greg McCollough and his pristine 1960 convertible won Best of Show. With over two hundred cars at the meet, that was quite an accomplishment!**

**The next big event for the club on Oct. 18 & 19 is our Last Blast Judging event. It will be held at**

# **Nebraska Chapter**



**The Gathering Room in Council Bluffs. Brad Hillhouse has put a tremendous amount of time and effort to make this a one of a kind event! There will be judging schools on Friday and Saturday presented by high level Master Judges. We will have judges from 7 states and Canada. Brad has lined up four cars for judging so we need every Nebraska judge that can to participate. With an indoor event, weather will not be an issue. Meals and snacks will be provided. Final Details will be in Brad's update...**

**The leadership team of the club is committed to Top Flying the Nebraska Chapter in 2020. Brad, Craig Stephen, and myself will be meeting in October or November to assign time lines and which actions to accomplish. This is a very nice goal to achieve in 2020. Looking**

forward to seeing you on Oct. 18 and 19. [Regards, Gene](#)

## **NCRS Nebraska “Last Blast 2019” Judging Event**

**October 18-19, 2019.**

**The Gathering Room @ McCoy’s**

**Council Bluffs, IA**

Our fall chapter judging event will be here soon and it is looking to be a fun and informative weekend. Planning has been going on for 3 months to make this a great event for both long time NCRS Members as well as brand new ones. No matter your Corvette knowledge level, this will be an event that you won’t want to miss.

We will begin our day on Friday at 3:00pm with Registration and Operations Judging. For those of you not judging, you can join us and get your registration packet anywhere between 3-6pm. We have 4 great Corvettes lined up for judging: 1960, 1966, 1967 & 1968. Operations Judging covers all the functions of the Corvette from headlight operation to back up lights and everything in between. We will then move all 4 Corvettes into the building and get them

staged for judging on Saturday. At 5 we will have the first of our two judging schools for the weekend. The judging school should wrap up around 6:15 and then we will have a social hour followed by dinner served right on the judging floor sitting among the Corvettes! Dinner should be finished by 8ish and our day is done.

Saturday morning, we open registration at 8am and will jump right into our second judging school. The judging school will start at 8:30 and be finished by 9:15. There will be a short owners meeting and we will dive right into judging our 4 Corvettes. This is where the real learning and understanding of the NCRS System happens. I want to stress how much a brand new NCRS member can learn from being a part of the judging process. We have what is called “Observer Judges” or OJ’s. Even if you have never judged before, I encourage you to sign up and get involved as an OJ for both Friday and Saturday! You can choose to stay on one car and OJ several sections, or work around from car to car. The judging usually takes several hours, and we will break at 12 for lunch. Following lunch, we will get back to finish

up final judging, get the score sheets tabulated and then we will have the final awards presentation. If all goes as planned, we will be finished and be ready to take the Corvettes out of the building by 2:30. We are lucky to have two National 400+ point NCRS Master Judges that will be presenting Judging Schools that they only give at regional and national conventions. Gary Bosselman is presenting "Engine Stamp Pads & Broach Marks" how it was done at the factory, on Friday afternoon. Dave Houlihan will be presenting "Flight Judging: A 10,000-foot Owners Perspective" on Saturday morning. Both schools will be extremely informative for both experienced judges as well as new NCRS Members. Socializing and getting to know other NCRS Members better is part of what NCRS is all about and for that reason we have planned Friday night dinner & Saturday lunch right on the judging floor. You will have a chance to get to know other NCRS members in a casual atmosphere. I am hoping that you will be able to join us for the meals.

The registration cost for the two day event is \$20 and \$25 for meals on both days. So \$45 for registration covers everything. Please use the registration form and mail to Brad Hillhouse, Judging Chairman ASAP so we can get a final count for the event. We have NCRS Members joining us from 7 states and Canada, I would really like to have great attendance from our Nebraska Chapter as hosts of this event. I know if you join us, you will have a great time!

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**The Gathering Room @ McCoy's NCRS at NCA All Corvette Show** Sunday September 22 arrived in Lincoln with torrential rains and wind. But that didn't stop 155 Corvette owners from making the trek to the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska Corvette Association All Corvette Show in Lincoln. By 10am the weather turned a

nearly perfect 78 degrees and the Corvettes started rolling into Ameritas Life Insurance on “O” Street. The NCRS Nebraska Chapter was extremely well represented with 12 Corvettes on display.

The “Best of Show” was awarded to Greg McCollough with his stunning Emine White/Blue 1960 Fuelie convertible. First Place in C1 Guest went to new NCRS member Todd Duncan for his 1960 Cascade Green 2x4 245hp hardtop. A difficult decision between two 99+ point Corvettes for sure.

NCRS Nebraska members also cleaned up in the C2 class with new Nebraska chapter member Bob Plendl and his 1963 Riverside Red split window coupe winning first place and Steve Amen hot on his tail with a second place for his Rally Red 1966 Coupe. I judged this class and it was nearly a coin toss between which car was 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Other NCRS Nebraska members that had Corvettes in the show:  
Bruce Rauscher Light Blue 1960 Convertible  
Craig Foster Daytona Blue 1964 Convertible  
Mike McFarland Nassau Blue 1966 Coupe

**Don Peers Ermine White 1960 Convertible**  
**Al Hanks Silverstone Silver 1968 Convertible**  
**Aaron Hartung Rally Red 1968 Convertible**  
**Brad Hillhouse 1968 Rally Red 1968 Convertible**  
**Bruce Rauscher 1982 Collector Edition Coupe**  
**Craig Peate Dark Red Metallic 1986 Pace Car**  
Thank you to all NCRS Nebraska Chapter members that attended and helped make the 26<sup>th</sup> annual NCA All Corvette Show a huge success! [Brad Hillhouse](#)



**Don Peers White 1960**



**Al Hanks Silver 1968**



**Aaron Hartung Red 1968**



**Craig Peate 1986 Dark Red Metallic**



**Craig Foster Blue 1964**



**Arial photos courtesy of the Lincoln Fire Department**



**Greg McCollough White 1960**





**They say if you want to catch fish, go where the fish are! Your NCRS Nebraska Chapter has been hard at work recruiting new members and what better place to find new members than at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual NCA All Corvette Show in Lincoln? NCRS Nebraska Chapter set up a display tent next to the National Corvette Museum (NCM) and advertised to Corvette owners throughout the day. We had advertising cards showing the benefits of NCRS Membership, the new full color NCRS Judging Manuals on display, advertising from Marilyn Heitzman at National NCRS, custom printed NCRS water bottles courtesy of member Mike McFarlands Norland Pure Water, NCRS Nebraska Chapter business cards and more.**

**Throughout the day, the booth was staffed by Al & Diane Hanks, Aaron Hartung, Greg McCollough, Brad Hillhouse, Craig Stephan and Mike McFarland. At the end of the day we had 3 new NCRS Nebraska Chapter members! One by one, our chapter is growing. Please let me know if you have a place that you think we should set up our**

**advertising tent to share NCRS with other Corvette owners. [Brad Hillhouse](#)**



### **LAST CALL for NCRS Nebraska Name Badges**

**I am in the final ordering process for new name badges for NCRS Nebraska Chapter members that may have lost theirs or never ordered one.**

**Do you have one, do you want one? They are a great way to help other members know your name and get to know you.**

**The cost is \$9 and I would be happy to order one for you with the next batch so it is done before our judging meet in October. They are red in the shape of the state of Nebraska and have your name and NCRS number on them with a magnetic back so it doesn't damage your shirt.**

**Please let me know ASAP**

**Thank you**

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**2019 - NCRS**  
**Nebraska Chapter**  
**Meetings, Activities,**  
**Functions and**  
**Upcoming Events**

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

**October 18 & 19, 2019 NCRS**  
**Nebraska Chapter Judging**  
**Event at The Gathering**  
**Room @ McCoy's, 1900**  
**Madison Avenue, Council**  
**Bluffs, IA.**

**October 24 – 26, 2019**  
**Texas Regional in Frisco, TX.**

**See You on the Road.....**

