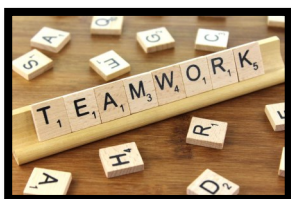




## Chairman's Message

Mike McFarland, NCRS Nebraska Chapter Chairman

When I was in high school and had earned my first varsity letter, I was given the opportunity to join the letterman's club. I remember our coach telling us first-time letter winners, "You only get out of an organization what you're willing to put into it. If you join, plan on getting involved and making a difference." The wisdom of his advice has rung true many, many times over the years. Most recently, while working at the Heartland Regional held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa June 8 – 10<sup>th</sup>.



As I was looking at all the folks who were helping at this fantastic event, I reminded myself that we were all volunteers. We had come together for a variety of reasons. Chances were good, two of the common denominators of our efforts were we all wanted to make a difference while having a good time.

The organizers of the Heartland Regional put on an outstanding, well-run event. It takes a lot of hard work including well in advance of the first day of the event and they are to be congratulated for a job well done!

On Thursday, I started out "helping" Melinda Keedy at the registration booth when I was asked to direct C1's, C4's and C5's into their assigned places as they returned from their Operations Checks. While I was busy parking cars, I observed Melinda had absolutely no trouble handling the registration duties without my help. Great job Melinda – you are a huge difference maker!

Thanks to my involvement in NCRS, I have made friends with some great folks in many states including Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas, and Wisconsin. Had it not been for NCRS, I simply would not have had the chance to meet them. It was fantastic catching up with so many of them while in Cedar Rapids. During the Regional, I met more great folks and will hopefully have the chance to see them at future NCRS events.

Friday, I got the chance to hone my skills and enhance my judging knowledge. I observed two very experienced judges who really knew the fine details of the 1966 models being judged. It was amazing to see the thoroughness the judges displayed while swiftly reviewing the mechanical portion of these super nice cars. Each judge instantly recalled component part numbers and quickly went through the CDCIF metric as we worked our way through the judging sheets. Only rarely did they need to consult the judging manual for clarification or confirmation. Even though the process moved right along, they took time to explain how they arrived at many of their decisions.

After the judging process was completed on each car, the judges tactfully explained their findings to the owners who were having their pride and joy scrutinized to the nth degree. They exhibited a high level of empathy that I would not have expected from such highly experienced judges when I was first exposed to the judging process. The judges obviously realized how much time, effort, and resources the car owners had invested in getting these cars ready for the judging process at a Regional event.

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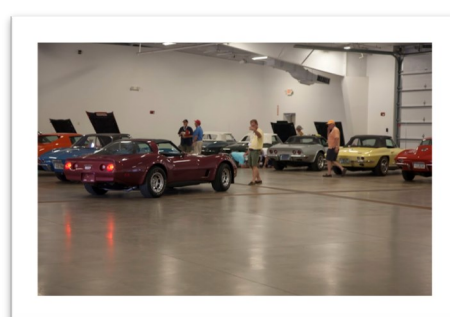
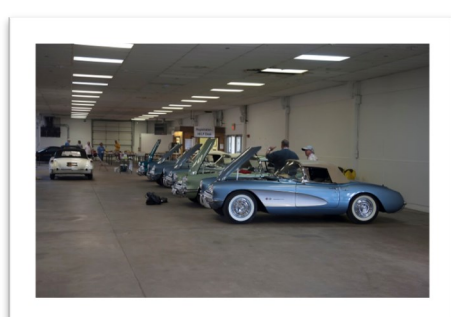
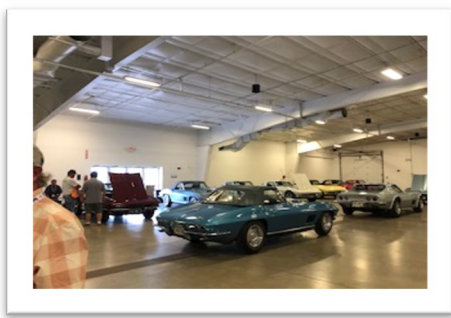
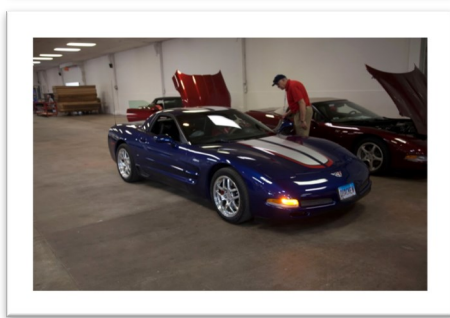
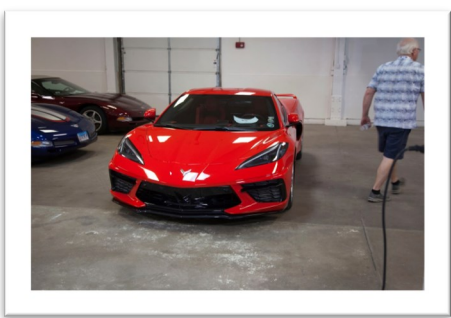
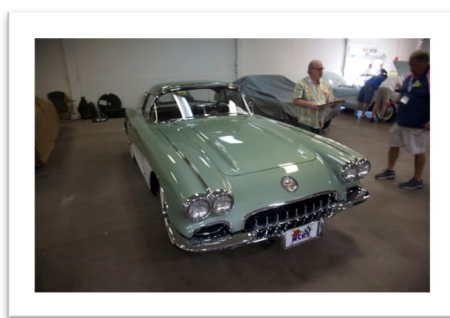
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This is a great organization with lots of knowledgeable and caring members. I really enjoyed my time in Cedar Rapids and like to think we made a difference. Thanks to all of you who helped make the Heartland Regional a huge success.

Lastly, we are planning this year's **Last Blast Chapter Event**. If you want to have a car judged at a Chapter event or know someone else who does, this could be an ideal opportunity. Please contact Brad Hillhouse for more information.

Stay cool if at all possible and if you can't, be sure to stay hydrated!

Mike McFarland  
NCRS Nebraska Chapter Chairman



## Treasurer's Message

Gary Neimanis, NCRS Nebraska Chapter Treasurer

Greetings fellow chapter members, it's been an exciting month of various NCRS and other Corvette activities.

I would like to especially thank all of the Nebraska chapter members that either participated or helped out with the Heartland Regional that occurred in early June in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Iowa Heartland Chapter was especially thankful for all of the help and assistance that was provided by the various Nebraska members attending that great event. Special thanks goes out to Mike McFarland, Lowell & Melinda Keedy, James West, Craig Stephan, Keith Manders, Gary & Dawn Good-year, Bruce Rauscher, Gene Walker, and Brad Hillhouse for supporting such a great event

On to the numbers, as of May 31, 2021, our current checking account balance was \$3940.02 and our PayPal account balance was \$839.33. Which brings our total cash balance to \$4779.35. Your Nebraska Chapter officers voted on approving sending \$200 to National NCRS to assist in the National convention which is scheduled for July. That check for \$200 was the only activity for the month of May in our accounts.



Keep your wheels rolling and we'll see you soon!

Regards,

Gary Neimanis  
NCRS Nebraska Chapter Treasurer

## Judging Chairman's Message

Brad Hillhouse, NCRS Nebraska Chapter Judging Chairman

Several years ago, as I got more interested in NCRS judging, I heard a lot of talk about a Duntov Award. Being in the NCRS for many years, I had heard of a Top Flight but that was the only award I had heard of. I asked a friend to explain a Duntov to me and he said he really didn't know what it was except that it was "harder judging" than a Top Flight. Well, I wanted to know more and asked on the NCRS discussion forum and was quickly told that all the information about a Duntov award as well as every other NCRS award was listed in the JRM. It took me a bit to figure out that the JRM is actually the NCRS "Judging Reference Manual".



Of course, nearly all NCRS members are familiar with the Technical Information Manual & Judging Guide (TIMJG) which is used on the judging field and also as a reference to many people as a restoration guide and preparation reading for Flight Judging. The TIMJG tells you **"what to judge"**.

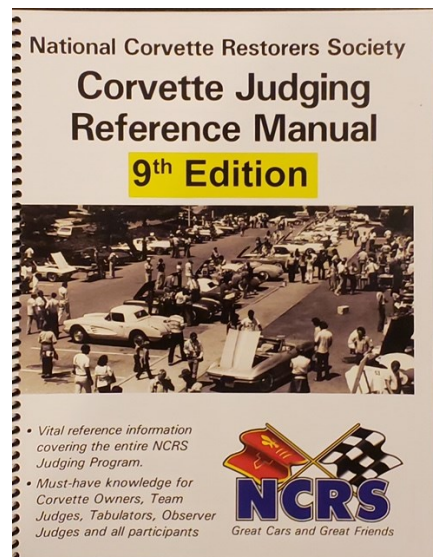
Many people (including myself up to a few years ago) have never seen or read the NCRS JRM which details EVERYTHING that is involved with NCRS. Judging standards, judging terms, judging etiquette, Flight & Concours scoring, standard deductions & guidelines, every NCRS Award and the items required to achieve them, Judging point values, and hundreds more items that every NCRS member should be aware of before attending a NCRS event or having your Corvette judged. The JRM tells you **"how to judge"**.

The long awaited NCRS 9<sup>th</sup> Edition Judging Reference Manual (JRM) is now available in the NCRS store. The 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of the JRM is replacing the 8<sup>th</sup> edition JRM which was printed in 2010 and now has 30 additional pages of information. The new 9<sup>th</sup> Edition includes many updates from prior National Judging Chairman's messages as well as adding all information about judging the new Concours division of NCRS Corvettes. If you are seeking any level of NCRS award from a Concours to a Bowtie or Duntov award, or just want to know more about judging, this new manual is a MUST HAVE for your library.

The new Judging Reference Manual is \$29.95 to the public but NCRS members can purchase it through the NCRS online store for \$20 plus \$5 USPS shipping. This price is \$10 lower than the previous 8<sup>th</sup> edition price to try and encourage all NCRS members to purchase one. You can click on this direct link to purchase, but you will need to log into your NCRS account to get the discount price:

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Brad Hillhouse #37766  
NCRS Nebraska Chapter Judging Chairman



## Chapter Secretary's Message

Craig Stephan, NCRS Nebraska Chapter Secretary

What a difference a year makes! The grass is greener, The sky is bluer, My wife is prettier, and I have burned most of my masks. I have been able to hook up with many of my NCRS friends and all is right with the world. Well almost everything.



After all of the video meetings, video judging schools (of which I thought were really pretty good) and phone conversations, we finally were able to meet in person. It all started with our spring Judging meet in Omaha at Victory Lane. A great venue, great cars, and a lot of people with big smiles on their face. Great job Brad!

Next was a road trip to Grady Koch's garage to get a close up look at his "67" 427 coupe project. The group that were able to attend had a great time and Brad made it possible for everyone to watch via a live online school. How Cool!!

After Grady's it was time to hit the road and help our surrounding chapters with their events. The Three Amigo's (Brad Hillhouse, Gary Neimanis, and myself) gassed up the truck and headed to Kansas City for their Kansas City Chapter Judging meet. Great time, great cars, and GREAT PEOPLE. Two weeks later it was off to Eagan, MN. to help out our North Central Chapter friends with their judging meet. Guess what happened there? You got it! Great time, Great Cars, GREAT PEOPLE. The next week was tough for Gary and I with prior obligations, but Brad true to his word, who was probably the busiest of all of us, took off by himself to Richland Center, WI. to help our brother and sister, Gary and Dawn Goodyear, and Diane Quackenbush with the Wisconsin Chapter judging meet. Judging eleven cars they could have really used all our help, but they made it happen with flying colors. Super Job!

Then on June 9<sup>th</sup> came the BIG Daddy. The IOWA HEARTLAND REGIONAL. So proud of our members! Gary Neimanis, who had the Big Job of the Regional Registration, Brad Hillhouse, Mike McFarland, Lowell and Melinda Keedy, Gene Walker, James West, Keith Mander, Todd Duncan, Bruce Rauscher, myself and many of our out of state members, jumped in to help where ever we were needed. It was hot and they worked us hard. Gary, Keith, Todd, Bruce and myself also took cars to be judged. Great experience!

The next week, Gary, Brad and I, loaded up two cars and headed for Indianapolis. Indiana for Bloomington Gold. Gary took his "91" ZR1 and I took My "81". Brad had his debut as a Bloomington Gold Judge, pretty soon I think he will be president of the United States. Gary and I both were awarded Bloomington Gold, Gold Survivor, and Benchmark. Pretty neat!!

This year is nothing like last year! Thank the Lord!



Now some of us are getting ready for the trek to Palm Springs, Calif. for the NCRS National Convention. Gary and wife Ann and my wife Mary Clare and I will be leaving a week earlier to meet up with our Rocky Mountain Chapter friends along with Friends from Illinois, North Dakota, and Missouri for an unofficial Road tour to California. We will travel from Monday to Saturday with many stops along the way. Great fun with Great Friends that we have all met through NCRS. I will tell you all about it in one of the next newsletters.

Brad will be taking his 1981 for final Bowtie judging and McLellan Mark of Excellence awards. He along with his whole family will be there when he formally receives the 2020 NCRS Member of the Year Award along with all his car awards at the Banquet. Man 'O Man this will be fun! Drinks will be on Brad! Ha Ha

The fun is just getting started, the whole last half of the year to go. You can all join in! NCRS needs us and once you join in they welcome you with open arms. I felt helping with judging was kind of intimidating at first. It's really learn as you go. But you find that the car owners are waiting for your help. They love their cars and want your input to help them make their cars better.

You can be sure we will be working on more in person meetings, judging schools and planning for our "Last Blast" judging meet. Looking forward to seeing you!

Craig Stephan  
NCRS Nebraska Chapter Secretary

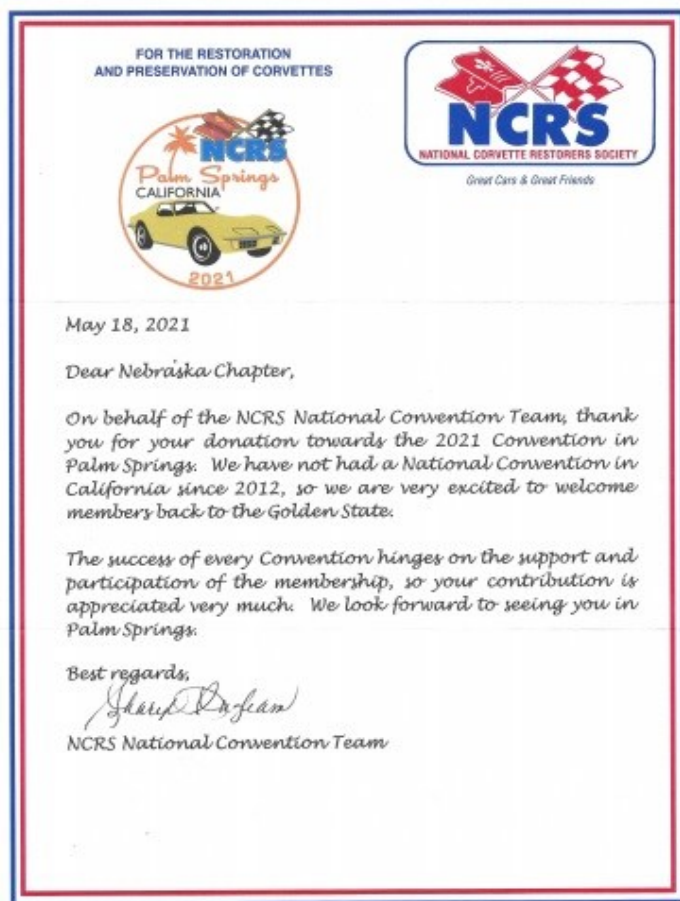
## National 2021 Convention Support

Mike McFarland, NCRS Nebraska Chapter Chairman

In early April, 2021, Sharyl Ingham emailed each Chapter requesting financial support for the 2021 NCRS Convention. Sharyl is the Chairperson for the NCRS Northern California Chapter and a member of this year's National Convention Team.



Sharyl reported major sponsors typically provide the bulk of the financial support for the Convention but acknowledged 2020 was a very difficult year for the sponsors just as it was for all of us. Sponsorship contributions and registrations are running well behind previous years which is jeopardizing the financial success of this year's Convention.



Recognizing the importance of a successful Convention, the Nebraska Chapter Officers unanimously agreed that a \$200 contribution would be an excellent use of Chapter funds. The check was generated and mailed to NCRS on May 14.

We received a kind thank you note from Sharyl approximately a week later telling us our contribution had been received and was greatly appreciated.

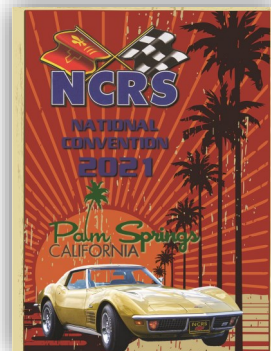
This year's Convention is to be held in Palm Springs, California on July 17<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The National Convention brings Corvette enthusiasts from all over the U.S. and Canada. In addition to Flight and Concours judging for some of the best Corvettes in the world, the Convention offers excellent Judging Schools, Tech Sessions plus an Advanced Judging Seminar.

Bus tours and evening events are offered for Corvette enthusiasts and family members providing the opportunity to experience a well-rounded week of fun.

The Nebraska NCRS Chapter is happy to have been able to make this contribution to help the 2021 National Convention be a huge success!

Mike McFarland  
NCRS Nebraska Chapter Chairman



## Master Judge Awards

Brad Hillhouse, NCRS Nebraska Chapter Judging Chairman



One of the greatest achievements for a NCRS Member is "Master Judge". The master judge occurs after spending many hours attending NCRS Judging schools as well as putting in time first as an OJ Observer Judge, and then as a Flight judge at judging meets. After an accumulation of 100 points through schools and judging, NCRS awards the member with a Master Judge Award. Two of our NCRS Nebraska Chapter members were honored at the NCRS Heartland Regional for achieving this Master Judge status.

Gary Neimanis & Craig Stephan both received their 100 point Master judge certification and were presented their "Black Hat" from NCRS National judging chairman David Brigham. This judging level shows a tremendous commitment of time, money and travel to multiple chapter, regional and national events over the past several years. Last year the NCRS Driveline editor Vinny Peters did a tongue in cheek cost analysis spread sheet of the dollars he spent to achieve his first 100 point master judge hat back in the 1980's. His total came up to over \$10,000 in travel, hotel, fuel and bar tab expenses, and that was in 1980 dollars!

It has been fun to travel with Craig and Gary to many NCRS events over the past several years and watch them mature into national caliber judges. Our chapter is extremely lucky to have them as a part of our judging team. CONGRATULATIONS Gary Neimanis & Craig Stephan on your Master Judge Awards.

Brad Hillhouse  
NCRS Nebraska Chapter Judging Chairman

## Heartland Regional Event in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Mike McFarland, NCRS Nebraska Chapter Chairman

Our friends from the Heartland Chapter went above and beyond in virtually all respects organizing and holding the Regional Event held at Hawkeye Downs Speedway and Expo Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on June 8 - 12. Even though it was one of the hottest weeks thus far this summer, the heat didn't put a damper on this super event. Approximately 235 attendees from across the country including spouses and guests enjoyed one of the best ever Regional events!



The excellent turnout reinforced the fact everyone was beyond ready to have a great time and catch up with their friends they maybe hadn't seen in a while and meet new friends. Members from our Chapter and several others came together to assist the Heartland Chapter. I wish I had a dollar for every time I heard someone say "It sure is nice to be able to get back together again!"

Another item voiced quite often was "There are a bunch of really great quality cars here!" There were 59 cars judged from every eligible generation including two, really nice 1953 Corvettes. Of the cars judged, 45 cars earned Top Flight Awards; three earned Second Flight; and, six received super impressive Bowtie Signoffs! And to round out the judging, there were two super nice cars that participated in the Concours program.

A Mini Meet PV (for Performance Verification) was held on Wednesday June 9. This detailed operations check without a single failure of over 200 items including a 10-mile test drive allowed car owners a chance to meet the necessary requirements and qualify to take their car to a future NCRS National Convention to earn a Duntov, McLellan or Hill Mark of Excellence award. Thirteen Corvettes attempted their PV at the Heartland Regional and only six successfully passed it. Diane Quackenbush and her 2014 Z06 was successful in passing her PV. Todd Duncan and his 1960 backed up by Brad Hillhouse had 4 out of 200+ checked items fail the PV test and will be heading to Frisco Texas in October for the second attempt at passing the PV. Only 1,597 Corvette have ever successfully passed the PV test. Congrats Diane!

Operations judging was performed on Thursday for all cars and then they were staged inside the building. All day Friday and finishing up Saturday morning was Flight & Concours judging. Nebraska Chapter members earning Top Flight Awards were: Todd Duncan, 1960; Keith Mander, 1967; Craig Stephan, 1981; Gary Neimanis, 1991 ZR1; Bob Henn, 2003; Diane Quackenbush, 2004. Bruce Rauscher earned a Second Flight for his virtually all original 1960. Bowtie Signoff: Craig Stephan, 1981.

In addition, four Chapter Members participated in the Sportsman program which gives members who may not be having their car Flight judged to participate in an NCRS event and further enjoy the comradery and social side of the NCRS. As Brad Hillhouse says "People come for the cars, but stay for the people." The Sportsman award also demonstrates NCRS's commitment to recognize the members who actively attend and drive a Corvette to meets. Sportsman award winners from the Chapter were Melinda Keedy 2019, Dawn Goodyear 1972, Mike Johnson 2021 and me 2020.

Brad did a super job describing the Sportsman award in the May - June, 2021 newsletter, but if you want additional details, please visit: <https://www.ncrs.org/services/judging-awards.php>.

Tours through nationally renowned Ted Pacha's Garages were held on Friday afternoon. Mr. Pacha has assembled a truly amazing collection of various brands of cars including Corvettes from various generations. His memorabilia collection includes thousands of really incredible items. His collection was featured on TV's "My Classic Car" starring Dennis Gage. And, Regional participants even had access to free tickets to the races at Hawkeye Downs Speedway on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The event wrapped up Saturday with the Awards Banquet. Gary Neimanis and Craig Stephen were presented with their very prestigious Master Judging Award for having accumulated a minimum of 100 points in the judging recognition program. Outstanding job fellas!!!

And even though it may sound like a cliché, a good time was had by all!

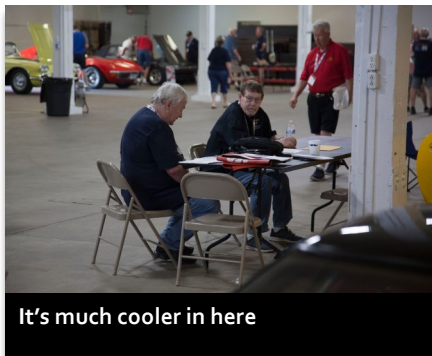
Mike McFarland  
NCRS Nebraska Chapter Chairman



# Snapshots from the Heartland Regional Event in Cedar Rapids, Iowa



Let's go Judge!!



It's much cooler in here



Beautiful car Diane



Meeting of the minds



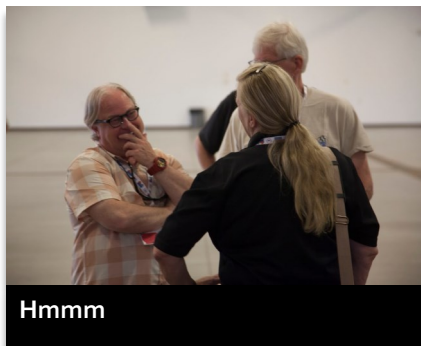
Ready for the Judging Seminar



Great to see you again :)



So.....what do you think?



Hmmm



Tangier Shrine Car—So Cool!



Tabulators hard at work



I've fallen and I can't get up!



Lined up for PV Judging



## Sportsman Award, Part 2

Brian Davies

After Brad's insightful article about the Sportsman Award program, I thought I'd add some further info for anyone interested. I myself am one of those 159 rare souls who have achieved this award at the national level. All 20 points were acquired using my gold 1986 convertible, while waiting for the C4 cars to be added into the Flight Judging program. Regional meets attended were Minnesota in 2000 and Iowa in 2002, along with the Bowling Green National Convention, 2000, plus various chapter meets.



One great feature is that you can earn this award with *any* Corvette. Unlike most NCRS awards, it does not require a model year which is Flight Judging eligible. Anything from 1953-2021 (or '22 now?) qualifies. As I mentioned before, my '86 was not yet being Flight Judged when I received the Sportsman. You can even use multiple cars (only one car per meet, though). No need to drive the same Corvette to all the meets while collecting points. Many meet registrations offer an option of getting Sportsman points without a ribbon, at a corresponding lower cost. They'll even give you a special display parking area, which gets you closer to the action!

As you can see, there are spots on the plaque allotted for additional tags. Tags are earned by accumulating an additional 10 points in a twelve month period. These points must include a National Convention, which is worth 5 points all on its own.



86 at Iowa Regional

Section 12 of the NCRS "Corvette Judging Reference Manual" has complete information on the program. It's a fun and easy way to participate in the NCRS awards process, without an excessive cost or commitment.

I hate to sound clichéd, but: "If I can do it, anybody can do it."

Happy motoring!  
Brian Davies

## Tech Talk with Brad Hillhouse



In the preparation of a 1960 Corvette for Performance Verification (PV) judging at the Heartland Regional, we spent hours testing all the functions of the car trying to get all the "bugs" out. As with any old Corvette, we found many issues that may have caused a PV failure and one of those that needed repair was the cigarette well lighter bulb.

This bulb provides illumination so that after lighting your cigarette during a nighttime drive, you could easily find the location to replace the lighter in its holder in the dash panel. We performed several different tests and found that the bulb stopped working by losing ground and breaking the circuit, not the actual bulb going bad. After taking the lighter assembly in and out of the dash several times, and then bench testing, we were able to determine that the ground failure was happening at the bulb holder to lighter well cylinder. The design of this is made as a "pinch housing" that allows you to pinch the metal that surrounds the bulb so that the legs will compress and then snap into two slots on the assembly. There is no attaching screws or hardware that tightens it, it is just a friction fit. The bulb holder was not always making good contact and would sometimes break contact causing the bulb to go out. Fiddling with the holder multiple times, it was apparent that the metal was not strong enough to spring back with sufficient force to always make a tight contact and work 100% of the time for a PV check.

The repair I chose was to use solder to hold the bulb holder securely to the housing. Solder is a good electrical conductor as well as keeping the two pieces of metal from separating. This made a 100% solid electrical connection. The cigarette lighter assembly was reinstalled and tested again to make sure the bulb was still good, and that was one more item off the list.

I hope this tech article can help you if you have an intermittent cigarette lighter that needs to pass a PV test.

Brad Hillhouse



This is the bulb holder on the top and the point it attaches to the housing. This one is dirty and has corrosion but the one we were using was clean. The bulb holder would just lose good contact from time to time causing lack of ground and light bulb going off

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### Tech Talk with Brad Hillhouse



This is the lighter housing and shows how the clips of the light bulb holder attach. This is also where the light from the bulb enters the cigarette lighter housing and it glows in the dash at night when the dash lights are turned on



This is where I added solder so that the bulb housing would make good electrical connection. You can see the holder is stamped "PRESS". You pinch both sides and it compresses so it can be removed from the lower housing. After replacing the bulb, the holder would not spring back strong enough to maintain good connection to ground

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## Tech Talk with Brad Hillhouse



You can see the newly soldered joint. This maintains 100% electrical connection. When installed in the car, this solder is not visible for inspection by the judges.



## 1960 Corvette Shock Painting Tech Article

Brad Hillhouse

In preparing a 1960 Corvette for the Iowa regional judging, I have been studying prior NCRS judging sheets, using them as a punch list of items to correct. One of the things that was mentioned over and over was:

### **CHASSIS: Section 31, Chassis & Rear Axle: Rear Suspension, all components "Shocks made in Mexico"**

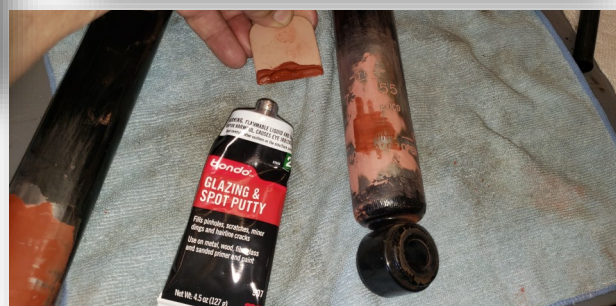
(One judge even made a cute little sombrero cartoon picture. Hahaha, you are hilarious.... Don't quit your day job Mr. Johnny Carson)

I have been in contact with the only guy that makes correct shocks for a 1960 Corvette, and he said that he has a 1 year waiting list for them and the list is full for last year and this year. Only having 9 months to get ready for the regional, I decided to do what I could with the existing AC Delco shocks on the car. Now, I know that it will probably not receive any less deduction, as I have no way to stamp Pliacel and a date code into the top of the shocks. BUT, using this procedure, I no longer have to suffer the scorn and ridicule of having MADE IN MEXICO in big red letters written on the score sheets when they come back from Iowa. Here is the procedure I used to remove the "MADE IN MEXICO" stamping from the AC Delco shocks on the car.

**Step one:** Remove the shocks and sand down the factory black paint from the AC Delco shocks. I ended up taping over the upper shock cover as well as the lower mounting ring and rubber bushing.

**Step two:** Apply a thin coating of Bondo® Glazing & Spot Putty. Now, you can laugh all you want, and insert your clever "Bondo" jokes here. But this stuff works, sticks to metal like crazy, fills in the lettering cleanly, and is easily sand able to a smooth finish. I did several thin coats, sanding it down each time with 120 grit and then 240 grit to get a nice feather into the lettering so that they were completely filled in. I was careful to not fill in the rough "seam" at the bottom of the shocks.

**Step three:** Grey sand able primer. For this small job, I just use a spray can, giving several liberal coats, building it up so that is now ready for wet sanding with 200 grit paper. I did several prime, dry, wet sand, reprime coats until I have a perfectly smooth finish that blends in with the existing paint surface. When done, the black paint will show all the imperfections, so although this is not a hood panel that will be seen easily, I want to prepare these to be unnoticeable even by the most discerning C1 Chassis judge.



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## 1960 Corvette Shock Painting Tech Article

Brad Hillhouse



**Step four:** Gloss black paint. I like to shoot the first layer almost as a tack coat, covering but not going for that wet look yet. Let it sit and flash off after 3-5 minutes and then come back with the second coat that is heavier and "wetter" to get better coverage and will lay down nice and glossy. I let them air dry adding a blow dryer to help speed up the process, so I was not waiting a day until the paint was hard. Inspect and check for any runs or thin coverage. YES, I know these are shocks, and they were painted horribly from the factory, probably had all kinds of drips, dirt and bugs in the paint. The bottom of this 1960 has been restored so nicely, I couldn't have the shocks looking as bad as they were when new, so I painted them nicely. I dare any chassis judge to take a point for "finish" because these shocks don't have dirt in the paint!

**Step five:** Reinstall and move on to my next item on the punch list.

**Step six:** Go to the Iowa Regional next week and score a 97+ on the way to a Duntov Award at the NCRS National Convention in Palm Springs.

Brad Hillhouse NCRS #37766  
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## NCRS Wisconsin Spring Judging Meet

Brad Hillhouse, NCRS Nebraska Chapter Judging Chairman



On June 4-5 I headed north to join the Wisconsin Chapter for their spring judging meet in Richland Center, Wisconsin. I joined the Wisconsin chapter as a member this year and was looking forward to attending their judging meet. NCRS Nebraska chapter member Gary Goodyear is the new Wisconsin Chapter Chairman and with the teamwork of his wife Dawn, they put on a fantastic NCRS meet.



Over 50 NCRS members were in attendance from 6 different states. There were 11 cars for flight & concours judging as well as 7 sportsman entries. The event started Friday at noon with operations judging of all Corvettes and flight judging of the 2 C5 Corvettes, one of them owned by Nebraska Chapter member Diane Quackenbush. Her 2004 Z06 Z16 was looking spectacular and of course it scored a Top Flight at the end of the meet. Friday afternoon continued with a great judging school on distributors used on Corvettes from C1 through C3's.



Following the school, we were excited to be a part of an unveiling of a freshly restored 1954 Corvette as it was shown to its owner for the very first time. The story started out as a father and sons restoration that was never completed, and ended with the son receiving the keys to his dad's Corvette and seeing it for the first time after several years of a complete restoration. There wasn't a dry eye in the room.



Our evening meal was served buffet style with a great selection of barbecue chicken or ribs with all the fixings. We all enjoyed an evening of friendship and all too quickly it was time to head for the hotel. Saturday morning started early with a judges breakfast and then we were right onto judging asap. I was excited to have 2 1968 Corvette L71's to judge as well as a 1971 LS6. All three cars were fun to judge and learn from and I was able to judge with LS6 expert Mike Ernst as well as a very new NCRS member as our OJ. We worked into the afternoon getting all the Corvettes judged and at the end of the day there were many happy owners that earned Top Flight Awards.



Congrats to the Wisconsin chapter for putting on a great two day meet.

Thank you for letting me be a part of it!



### Membership Updates

Brad Hillhouse, NCRS Nebraska Chapter Membership Chairman



### NCRS Nebraska Name Badge



I am putting in an order for NCRS Nebraska Chapter name badges and here is your chance to get one! Our badges are laser cut in the shape of the state of Nebraska and have a magnetic back for easy application to any shirt material. They also include your membership number, so you have it for easy reference whenever needed.

The cost is \$10 and can be paid when picked up at a meeting.

**To keep the cost down, we only order once a year so don't wait!**

Contact [Brad Hillhouse](#) and I will get your name added to the list.



Did you know?

*Keeping with my Name Badge topic*

"Hello my name is" stickers, first introduced by C-Line Products in 1959, became hugely popular.



Many graffiti artists have been know to use these **stickers** as tags.



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AND PRESERVATION OF CORVETTES



*Great Cars & Great Friends*

May 8, 2021

Dear U.S. NCRS Members,

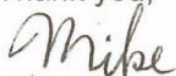
I am writing today to make you aware of an upcoming change in NCRS's use of email to communicate with our membership. In the past, NCRS has chosen to use email very sparingly with our members. Depending on a member's level of activity, they may only have received the annual email reminder to renew their membership. Emails are also sent to confirm purchases from the NCRS Store, and to confirm a member's registration for a specific event (e.g., Chapter or Regional judging meets, or the annual Convention).

The NCRS Board has concluded that we are missing out on opportunities to communicate information of interest to our members in a timely way by not making better use of email. NCRS is not equipped to send emails out to our membership, as is true for most other car clubs. Instead, they make use of third-party providers who specialize in sending out large numbers of emails on behalf of their clients. We have elected to work with a company called Constant Contact. I would be surprised if you have not received email sent out by Constant Contact on behalf of one of their many clients.

Let me be clear, we will not be inundating NCRS members with email, more like once a month on average, to communicate timely information. There will be an "Unsubscribe" link at the bottom of each email we send, but we hope you will allow us to explore the use of this new tool to better communicate with you before deciding to click on that link.

If you have any questions about this new communication tool, please contact me at [michael.ingham248@gmail.com](mailto:michael.ingham248@gmail.com)

Thank you,



Mike Ingham  
NCRS President

### National & Midwest NCRS Judging Events 2021

July 18-22	Palm Springs, CA	<a href="#">Click here</a> for Event Website
October 15-16	Lincoln, NE	<a href="#">Click here</a> for latest info
October 21-23	Frisco, TX	<a href="#">Click here</a> for Online Registration



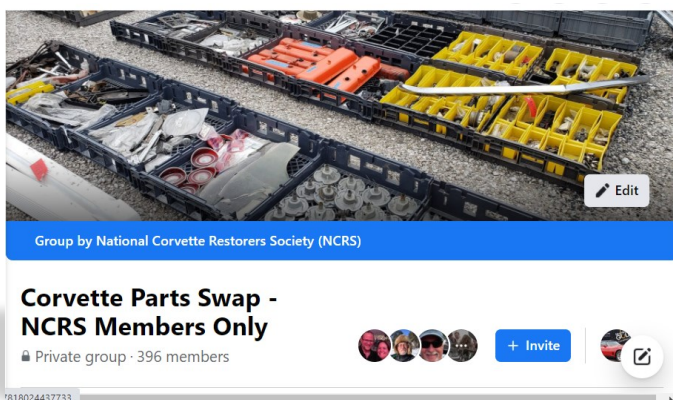
### Social Media News

Brad Hillhouse, NCRS Nebraska Chapter Social Media Coordinator

Don't forget about the [Corvette Parts Swap—NCRS Members Only](#) and the [NCRS Nebraska Chapter](#) Facebook pages.

Great way to keep informed of Chapter events and Corvette Parts, check them out!!

Any questions or issues contact [Brad Hillhouse](#).



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## Ramblings

Melinda Keedy, NCRS Nebraska Chapter Newsletter Editor

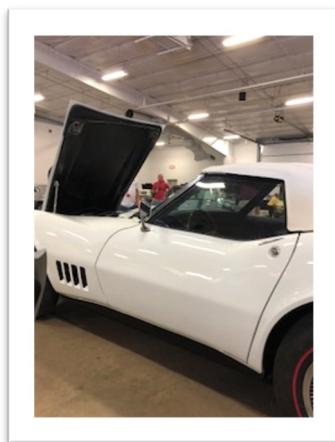
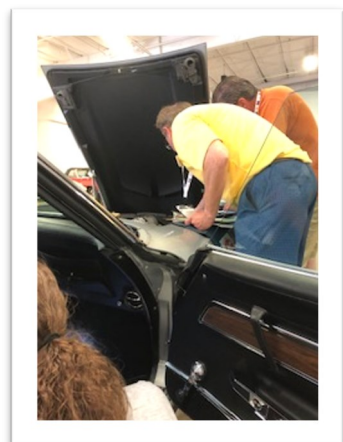
The Heartland Regional event was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 10-12 and I met some wonderful people and made some new friends. It was so refreshing to be at a event like this again! Not only were there beautiful Corvettes, but I was also able to Observer Judge on Interiors with some very exceptional NCRS Judges.

My husband, myself and Gary and Dawn Goodyear, were asked to participate in a NCRS Judge Mentorship Pilot Program, which was led by Ralph Ridge. It was a success and I hope this gets wings and takes off!

The Heartland Regional event was my first Regional and I had a blast and learned so much.

Thanks to the Heartland Chapter for their hospitality and hard work.

Here are a few pictures I took from the event.



For information on our charity click the otter!



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**NCRS Nebraska "LAST BLAST 2021"**  
**Two Day Super Chapter**  
**Flight & Concours Judging Event**  
**Friday & Saturday, October 15-16, 2021**



All NCRS Members are invited to attend and participate in our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual LAST BLAST Judging & Schools event. **All Inclusive with Registration:** Private tour of the world class Speedway Motors Museum of American Speed on Friday morning, 3 Judging Schools, lunch Friday & Saturday plus catered dinner on the Judging Floor Friday night.

Flight, Concours and Sportsman display Corvettes are welcome with a special reserved parking area for all Corvettes driven to the event. New Larger Location this year!

**Commonwealth Airplane Hangar 1721 W. Superior Street, Lincoln, NE 68524**

**Friday, October 15, 2021**

American Museum Speed Tour 9am-12pm  
Judging Meet Registration Open 12-5pm  
Arrival & Unloading Judged Cars 11-1pm  
Lunch at the Hangar 12-1pm  
Operations Check 1-3pm  
Staging Corvette inside building 3-3:30pm  
Judging & Tech Schools 3:30-6pm  
Official end of the NCRS Judging events 6pm  
Social Hour 6-7pm  
Dinner on the Judging Floor 7-9pm

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**

Registration & Sportsman Parking 8am  
Coffee & Rolls 8:15am  
Owners & Judges Meeting 8:30am  
Flight & Concours Judging 8:45am  
Valentino's Pizza Lunch 12pm  
Wrap up Judging & Tabulation 12:30pm  
Awards Presentation 1:30pm  
Remove Cars from Building 2pm  
Goodbye Hugs 3pm

Preregistration is required either via the NCRS National online registration "coming events" tab or by using this paper registration mailed to Brad Hillhouse, 8040 S. 37th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516-7710

There is a \$75 single person/family registration fee for the 2-day judging event and schools.

THIS INCLUDES 1 Speedway Museum Tour, 1 Friday Lunch, 1 Friday night dinner on the judging floor, Saturday morning coffee and Saturday lunch. A second meal & museum charge of \$24 will be added for Couples.

[Payment of \\$75 or \\$99 can be made payable to NCRS Nebraska Chapter or PayPal NCRSNebraska@gmail.com](mailto:NCRSNebraska@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NCRS # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(circle): I will Judge: Yes or No I want to have a Corvette Judged: Yes or No

**For all NCRS members attending Judging Schools & Judging both days, this will be a 5 point weekend**

Brad Hillhouse, Nebraska Judging Chairman. [BradHillhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:BradHillhouse@yahoo.com) 402-730-6898

**NCRS Nebraska Chapter reserves the right to limit judged Corvettes depending on available Judges**

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT I agree to insure my vehicle and property for loss, damage & liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at time of registration. I agree to assume the risk of an and all damage or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees and chapters for any action of acts of omission which may result in the theft, damage or destruction to my property or injury to me or others offering during or as a consequence of this event, wherever located.



# National Corvette Restorers Society

## Nebraska Chapter

### Membership Application & Renewal Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ NCRS # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on Facebook? \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter \_\_\_\_\_ Instagram \_\_\_\_\_

Nebraska Chapter Dues: \$25 per year. January 1 - December 31

NCRS requires you to be a member of NCRS National before joining our chapter.

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. Renew on our website: <https://ncrsneb.com/join-ncrs>

2. Pay direct via  NCRSNebraska@gmail.com

3. Checks Payable to:

**NCRS Nebraska Chapter**  
**c/o Gary Neimanis**  
**9275 Diamondhead Drive**  
**Dexter, IA 50070**  
**515-988-8383**

To help us plan chapter meetings and technical schools, please share what year Corvette(s) you own and what condition they are in. Restored, Original, Project, etc.

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Special Options \_\_\_\_\_

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