

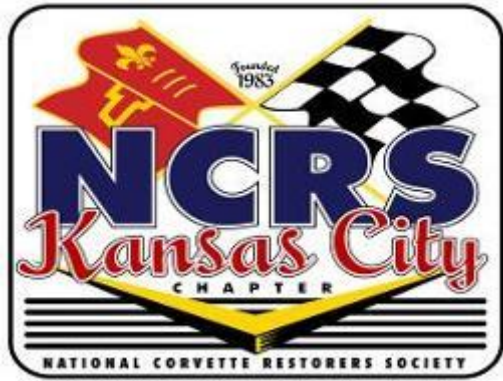
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Message from the President

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE by Jim Curtis

Wow, 2025 is off to a very good start! I hope we are through the worst of the cold and snow and well on our way to warm, sunny days of the Corvette season.

With 2025 quickly passing by, I would like to share some thoughts about 2024:

2024 was a great year for the NCRS Kansas City Chapter with many accomplishments.

The membership organized a successful 4th Annual All GM and Corvette Show. With nearly 200 cars on display at the Cable Dahmer Arena, the membership worked diligently to host the event with Cable Dahmer as our primary sponsor. As in the past, the Children’s Mercy Hospitals & Clinics benefited from our efforts.

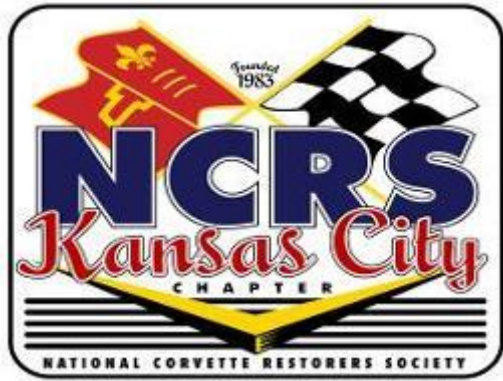
Members were active in numerous Corvette events, displaying their cars at local car shows, participating in Cars and Coffee, and traveling together on road trips to various out-of-state events.

The Chapter picnic was well attended with great food and the now traditional “Corn Hole Tournament”. The Chapter social calendar concluded with a very successful Nomination Dinner at the Armacost Car Museum in Grandview, MO. Great food, great friends and a wonderful presentation by Alicia Dwyer Cianciolo (daughter-in-law of Gayle and Jim Cianciolo) on Mars Exploration.

Again, many members of the Chapter traveled to Chapter, Regional and National Judging events – earning judging points but more importantly sharing their information about Corvettes to Owners and other NCRS members.

The Chapter was selected by the national organization to co-host, with our friends in the St. Louis Chapter, the Show-Me Regional in Springfield MO July 17th through the 19th.

To close out, 2024 I want to thank **EVERY** member of the KC Chapter for your tireless efforts and continued support of this great hobby!



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.What's ahead in 2025:

The first Regional of 2025 was the Florida Winter Regional (see separate article) in January.

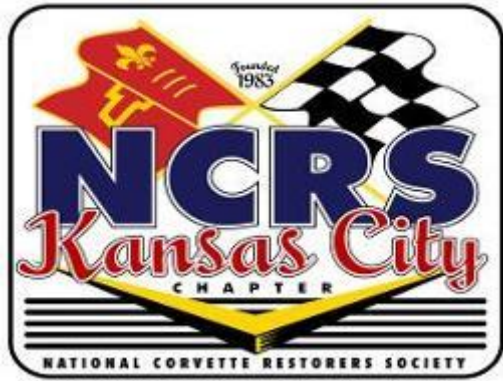
There are numerous local events ahead soon with the next National in Pendleton, SC in early April. You can find more information on our “Upcoming” page of the Chapter website www.ncrskc.com The national website has additional information and registration access at www.ncrs.org

The Chapter will host a two-day judging event April 11-12 at the Cable Dahmer Headquarters facility in Martin City, MO. See separate article for more details but to quote Judging Chairman Tony Stein **“We need cars!”**

Jon Shafer was selected to be the Membership Manager for the Chapter, and he has been very active in promoting the group. I would like to encourage each member to act as “Assistant Membership Managers” by actively promoting the NCRS and our chapter. there are 79 NCRS members in our geographical area that do not belong to ANY chapter as well as those Corvette owners that are not associated with the NCRS – many who know very little about what we do – so please help Jon when you can.

The Show-Me Regional in Springfield MO is really ramping up – it appears we are going to have cars coming from across the nation and Canada along with many local cars. Please consider getting involved with this event and with our friends across the state, let's host a premier event – one that will be the talk of the town for years to come!! Contact Tony Stein - anthonystein@att.net or Jon Shafer – jon@corvspeckc.com for more information on how to get involved.

With the upcoming Chapter and Regional judging events, remember that the judging award your car received is “a moment in time” – so if you have a car that earned a Flight award several years ago, it is time to register for an event and go through the process again. This will confirm the quality of your car, provide participation within the organization and provide educational opportunities for you and the membership.



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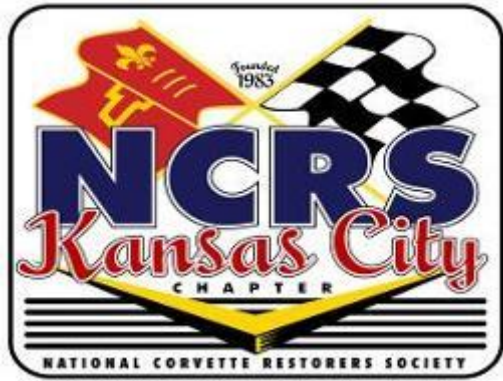
Message from the President continued

.. We are getting busy confirming the "business" arrangements for the 5th Annual All GM and Corvette Show on September 28th at the Cable-Dahmer Arena. As soon we can finalize the business aspect (identify and manage the Chapter's risk), we will start a campaign to promote the event – look for more information in the near future.

Our March Chapter meeting will be held March 11th at Stone Canyon Pizza, 15 Main Street, Parkville, MO. Please join us at 6:00 pm if you would like to eat and chat with friends. The meeting will start at 7:00.

In closing, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, jimcurtis52@gmail.com or (816) 898-3277 with concerns, suggestions or just to chat! Thank you, ALL, for your efforts!

"Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success." - Anonymous



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Message from the Vice President

NCRS Vice President notes by John Hecker

The first Regional for 2025 was in Florida this past January. As usual we had several Kansas City Chapter members there judging cars and getting away from the cold days in KC. There were several great cars to look at on the judging field. Part of the treat for going is looking at all the cars in the American Muscle Museum. There are over 450 cars to look at.

On April 3 – 5 is the next Regional in South Caroline at Clemson University.

Our Club will have a spring judging event on April 11-12. Tony Stine has sent out the information to have your car judge. This will be a good opportunity for our members to learn more about judging or having their car judged. Please attend if you can.

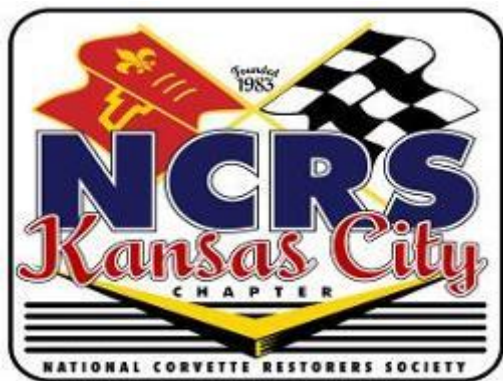
Also, in April you will see a Chapter event hosted by Heartland Chapter on April 25-26 in Urbandale, Iowa.

The next Regional is in Glendale, Arizona on May 1 -3.

Keep July 16-19 open to attend our Show Me Regional in Springfield, Missouri.

As a reminder, check the NCRS web site for more info on upcoming events.

John



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Membership Manager

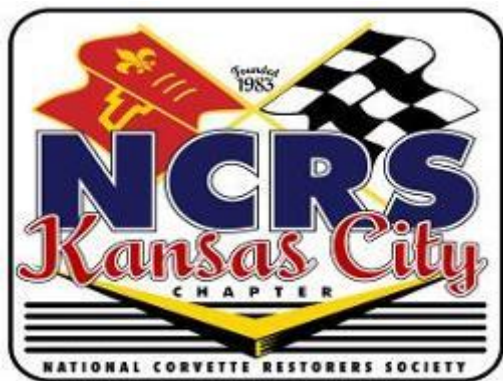
Hello to all and Happy New Year 2025! For those of you who have renewed your KC Chapter Dues--THANK YOU!!! If you are not sure if you renewed---please contact me to check. I HIGHLY recommend renewing your \$25 Annual Chapter Dues online at the NCRS.ORG website the same time you renew your National Dues---that way nothing slips through the cracks! In fact when you do it---renew for \$50 for 2 years! That way you won't have to worry for 2 years if you've paid or not.

At our last Chapter meeting---I reported having 112 paid members. Since I'm new to this position---I accounted incorrectly as we show 112 members total---but only 78 are currently paid. This means I'll be contacting the other 34 to get things up to date soon! Again please let me know if you know you need to renew your dues and I haven't reached out to you yet or if you are not sure. Remember that you must be current on National NCRS Dues to be a Chapter Member!

To renew National Dues (or join or to become a new National Member)---the only option is to renew online at the NCRS.ORG website.

Login to your NCRS Account through www.ncrs.org ---- On the homepage---scroll all the way down to the bottom---Under Membership on the Left---3rd line down is "Renew NCRS Membership"---click this and select \$60 for Annual Membership Renewal. You will have the option of having it automatically renew each year also which I HIGHLY recommend. Then it will take you to Payment Screen. For Chapter Dues Renewal---to make things easy---there are 3 options to renew:

Option 1: Login to your NCRS Account through www.ncrs.org ---- On the homepage---scroll all the way down to the bottom---On the Leftside you will see "Membership"---4 lines below that is "Join or Renew Chapter"---click on that and it will give you a menu to Select Kansas City Chapter---Select 1 year for \$25 or 2 years for \$50---then hit "Next" button at the bottom and it will take you to Payment Options. Once you've paid this way---please send me an email to jon@corvspeckc.com and I'll confirm the system updated.



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Membership Manager

Option 2:

Bring a Check to our next Chapter Meeting---or Send a check made out to "KC NCRS" to:
Jon Shafer
KC NCRS Membership Manager
5555 Oak Grove Rd
Kansas City, KS 66106

Option 3:

Bring Cash to our next Chapter Meeting or other get together. If you pay in cash---make SURE you watch me write it down---our meetings are so busy that it is hard to keep track of cash payments so highly suggest Options 1 or 2.

Remember everyone is a Recruiter!!! If you have someone who should be a member---have them contact me or go to our www.NCRSKC.com website for an application. Make sure you pickup some NCRS Business Cards from Marty Tydings at the next meeting---or feel free to customer order your own.

If you have issues or any questions, please don't hesitate to email or call me. We have a BIG year ahead of us with our Chapter Judging Event in April, the "Show-me Regional" in July and the All GM Car Show in September! You won't want to miss any of these events and we need everyone's assistance to pull off a GREAT experience for all.

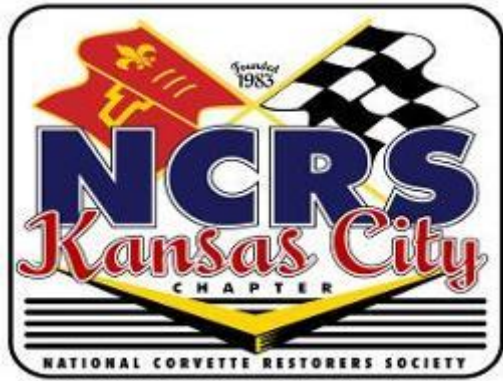
Thanks, Jon

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Message from the Editor

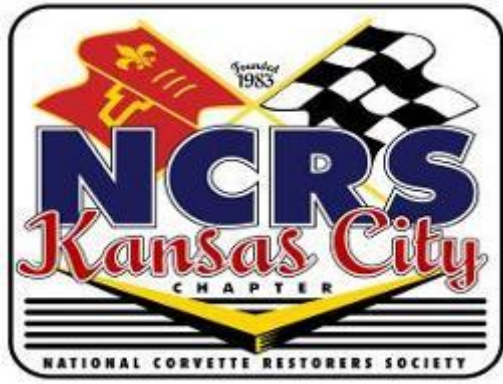
Well here we are again. Looks like I am going to get this out by the end of February despite some challenges I have had.

And wow!!!! This edition has some great contributions and they are greatly appreciated. Be sure to read the technical writeups, the piece written about the Florida Regional, and the new article written about available NCRS award. We also will be adding the meeting minutes from each meeting. Remember I am doing this newsletter bi-monthly so there will be meeting minutes from two meetings in each one.

So here is the challenge - I want to see this in every edition. We have lots of members going to lots of events, we have members working on their cars, and we have lots of members with thoughts on things. Let's hear your thoughts, see your comments, and learn about what you are doing. The more the, the better.

Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon.

Cindy



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January Meeting Minutes by Marty Tydings

January 14, 2025, Old Shawnee Pizza

Board members present: Jim Curtis, John Hecker, Hal James, Marty L Tydings

There were 23 members present.

Old Business

December 2024 minutes were approved.

Treasurer report:

Hal James gave our financial report.

Vice President reports:

John Hecker mentioned the upcoming events including the Melbourne, FL regional from January 15th – 18th as well as the South Carolina regional in Pendleton, SC April 3rd – 6th. To attend, register at the NCRS.org website.

Judging News:

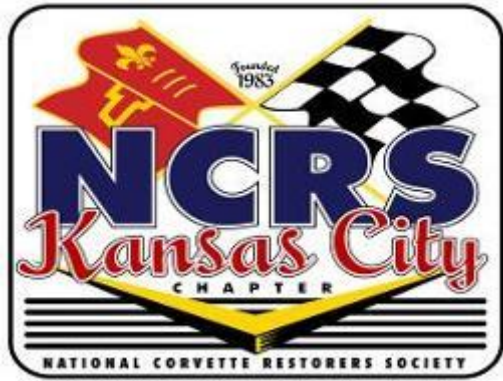
Tony Stein said the NCRS board has approved new judging sheets. Another change along with the judging sheets is instead of shirts showing 100, 200, 300 etc. level judges the level will be represented by gold stars. One star per hundred. The new shirts will be button down, bright blue. Right now, they are optional, at some point to be determined, they will be mandatory. The first roll out will be at the South Carolina regional at Clemson University April 3rd -6th.

Tony invited Will Sprout to bring a couple of his C4's to our regional.

The board is working on marketing to a larger audience.

Membership report:

Jon Shafer said currently we have 96 members and there is a new application form on our website courtesy of David Dildine.



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January Meeting Minutes (continued) by Marty Tydings

Social Activities:

Nothing to report

Topflight Program Manager:

Jerry Adams said there was nothing new to report.

Newsletter:

Cindy Hecker was not present however her husband John said Cindy had a heart attack. Cindy has already had stints put in and is back to work. Everyone was really glad to hear Cindy is okay now!

Media Report:

Dave Dildine said he has put our complete calendar on our website, including a directors' page. The minutes will be posted on the website.

New Business

Jon and Tony will create a website for our Show Me Regional on July 16th – 19th in Springfield MO. Daniel will put it online. Now would be the time to get your hotel reservations. The cost is \$129 a night plus tax. Our raffle will be a Dewitt radiator, tickets are \$20 each with 150 tickets max, Jon Shafer has the tickets.

All GM Car Show

A vote was taken and passed to have the car show again. It will be on September 28th at the Cable Dahmer arena. It is possible it will be a Chiefs game day but since the Chiefs have not released their schedule yet we don't know for sure.

We will need to market the show early

Marty Tydings



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February Meeting Minutes by Marty Tydings

February 11, 2025, Smokehouse, Independence, MO

Board members present: Jim Curtis, John Hecker, Hal James, Tony Stein and Marty Tydings

Volunteers present: Patti Norris – Social Activities, David Dildine – Media, Jon Shafer – Membership, Jerry Adams Chapter Flight Award Manager

26 people were present

We had several new members join us. Victor Detel has a 1961 Corvette. Mike and Renee Mosakowski have a 1972 Corvette. We are pleased to have Mike Evans back as well.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the January 2025 minutes.

Hal James, Treasurer, gave our financial report. We received our sponsorship check from Cable Dahmer for this year and last year.

John Hecker, Vice President, said the newsletter, written by his wife, Cindy, would be out at the end of the month.

In the February – March time frame there aren't any regionals in our area. The Iowa regional is April 25th. Sixteen KC members went to the Melbourne, FL regional event.

Tony Stein, Judging Chairman, said we will be having our spring judging event will be at the Martin City Cable Dahmer location on April 11th – 12th. We need more flight cars to be judged. It will a 5 point event. Bob Henn will be teaching the judging school.



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February Meeting Minutes (continued) by Marty Tydings

Our block of 200 rooms in Springfield have been taken, so our block of rooms has been expanded. If you need a room for the Show Me Regional you need to book it now.

Jim Curtis, President, has been working with Brian at Cable Dahmer for our spring judging event. The latest schedule is the cars will be brought in Friday morning, April 11th.

Jon Shafer, Membership, contact Jon if you know of someone that might be interested in joining us – jon@corvspeckc.com

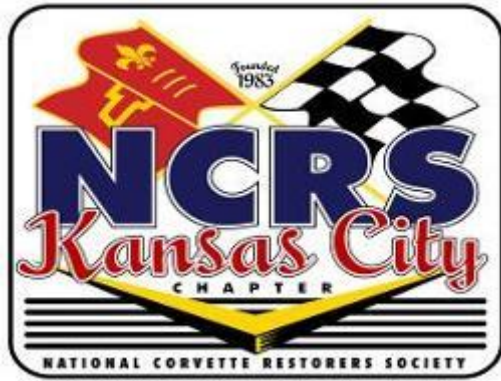
Patti Norris, Social Secretary, Patti has reserved a room at Jess and Jim's restaurant in Martin City for our meal together after judging on April 11th.

Jim Curtis said the question about insurance for our All GM Car Show is being worked out with the Cable Dahmer folks and we will get an early start on the marketing. There are things that we need to look at: whether or not we charge for entrance, different music/P.A. system or speakers to reach the whole area, put the Corvettes on the far side of the parking lot so it doesn't look like just Corvettes when people come in, lining up more judges, trying to put like models together to make it easier to judge them, break down classes and divisions more and have more trophies, have more vendors if possible, break out the classes on the flyers so people will know in advance it has changed from last year, where to place the trophies in order to protect them from the wind and/or rain.

Tony Stein will be taking orders for our KC NCRS polo shirts.

John Hecker gave a class on C6 glass, including date codes, logo placement, and how to tell if the glass was an after-market replacement.

Our next meeting will be March 11th at Stone Canyon Pizza, in Parkville, MO.



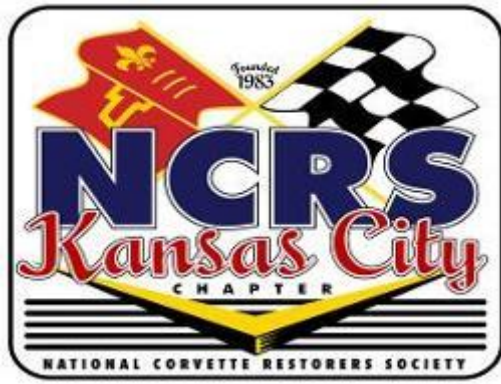
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Monthly Meeting Places and Dates

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Tuesday, March 11, 2025	KC Chapter Meeting	Stone Canyon Pizza, Parkville MO		KC Chapter
Tuesday, April 8, 2025	KC Chapter Meeting	The Other Place, 22730 Midland Dr. Shawnee, KS		KC Chapter
Tuesday, May 13, 2025	KC Chapter Meeting	Pizza Shoppe, 1105 W. Main St. Blue Springs, MO		KC Chapter
Tuesday, June 10, 2025	KC Chapter Meeting	Tim's Pizza 17201 East US Hwy 40 Indep MO		KC Chapter
Tuesday, July 8, 2025	KC Chapter Meeting	Old Shawnee Pizza, 6000 Roger Rd., Shawnee, KS		KC Chapter
Tuesday, August 12, 2025	KC Chapter Meeting	Smokehouse Barbecue, 1900 E. 39th St, Independence, MO		KC Chapter
Tuesday, October 14, 2025	KC Chapter Meeting	Stone Canyon Pizza, Parkville MO		KC Chapter
Tuesday, November 11, 2025	KC Chapter Meeting	The Other Place, 22730 Midland Dr. Shawnee, KS		KC Chapter
Saturday, November 22, 2025	KC Chapter Nomination Dinner	Armacost Museum, Grandview MO		KC Chapter
Tuesday, December 9, 2025	KC Chapter Meeting	Pizza Shoppe, 1105 W. Main St. Blue Springs, MO		KC Chapter



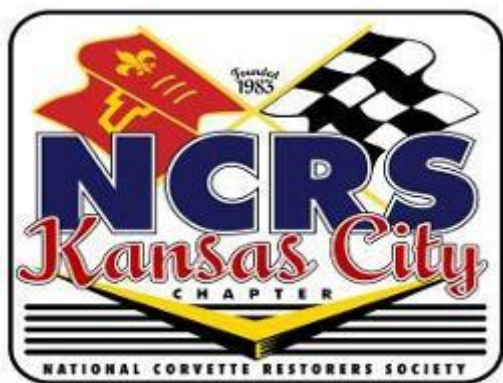
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Upcoming Events Of Interest

Start Date	End Date	Description	Location	Classification
Saturday, May 17, 2025	Saturday, May 17, 2025	Randy Potter Collection Tour	Boonville MO	Placeholder
Friday, June 6, 2025	Saturday, June 7, 2025	Bloomington Gold	Bloomington, IL	Other Chapter
Saturday, June 21, 2025	Saturday, June 21, 2025	KC Chapter Picnic	Shawnee Mission Park, KS	KC Chapter
Saturday, August 23, 2025	Saturday, August 23, 2025	Northwest Ark. 28th Annual Summer's End	Rogers, AR	Other Chapter
Friday, September 5, 2025	Saturday, September 6, 2025	Bloomington Gold - Judging Event Only	Dallas, TX	Other Chapter
Thursday, September 25, 2025	Saturday, September 27, 2025	Eureka Springs Car Show	Eureka Springs, AR	Other Chapter
Friday, November 21, 2025	Saturday, November 22, 2025	MCACN	Rosemont, IL	Other Chapter
Saturday, November 22, 2025	Saturday, November 22, 2025	KC Chapter Nomination Dinner	Armacost Museum, Grandview MO	KC Chapter



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Upcoming NCRS Events

Start Date	End Date	Description	Location	Class
Thursday, April 3, 2025	Saturday, April 5, 2025	Carolinas Regional	Pendleton SC	Regional
Thursday, April 11, 2024	Saturday, April 12, 2025	Kansas City Chapter Judging Event	Cable-Dahmer Automotive Facility, 13700 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO	KC Chapter
Friday, April 25, 2025	Saturday, April 26, 2025	Heartland Chapter Spring Meet	Des Moines IA	Other Chapter
Thursday, May 1, 2025	Saturday, May 3, 2025	Arizona Regional	Glendale AZ	Regional
Friday, May 9, 2025	Saturday, May 10, 2025	North Central Spring Chapter Meet	Menomnie WI	Other Chapter
Thursday, July 17, 2025	Saturday, July 19, 2025	Show-Me Regional	Springfield MO	Regional
Friday, August 1, 2025	Saturday, August 2, 2025	North Central Fall Meet	Long Lake, MN	Other Chapter
Sunday, September 7, 2025	Thursday, September 11, 2025	NCRS National	Las Vegas	National
Friday, September 26, 2025	Saturday, September 27, 2025	Heartland Chapter Fall Meet	Des Moines IA	Place-holder
Friday, October 3, 2025	Saturday, October 4, 2025	Heartland Chapter Fall Meet Placeholder	Des Moines IA	Place-holder
Thursday, October 23, 2025	Saturday, October 25, 2025	Texas Regional	Frisco, TX	Regional

Chapter Judging Event April 11th and 12th

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER JUDGING EVENT

This will be a 2-day 5-point event located at the Cable-Dahmer Automotive Facility, 13700 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO 64145

Please note the CHANGE in the Schedule (per the facilities request):

Friday, April 11

10:00 AM – 12:00 Car Registration and arrival

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Welcome and Judging School

2:45 PM – 5:00 PM Operations

5:30 PM - ??? We are working to confirm reservations at Jess and Jim's

Steakhouse in Martin City, MO – just a few minutes from the event facility. You can view the menu at www.jessandjims.com/menus/ **MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

Saturday, April 12th

8:00 AM --Coffee/Donuts/Placement of Sportsman Car Display

8:30 AM --Judges Meeting

8:45 AM --Owners' Meeting

9:00 AM --Flight and Concours Judging Begins

3:30 PM --Awards Presentation and Release of Cars

We do NOT have a host hotel but here is a list of hotels in the vicinity:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Kanas City – Grandview

12801 US-71 Hwy, Grandview MO 64030 816.268.5858

Comfort Suites Grandview – Kansas City

12522 South US-71 Hwy, Grandview, MO 64030 816.892.5029

Extended Stay America Select Suites – Kansas City

11301 Colorado Ave, Kansas City, MO 64137 816.761.4545

Hampton Inn Belton – Kanas City

16410 Cornerstone Dr. Belton, MO 64012 816.416.8006

We are working on many more details and updates will follow. As with many Chapter events, we will be providing coffee, donuts, water and pizza for lunch on Saturday.

Judges, please bring the necessary judging "tools";

Owners, please bring your beautiful Corvette and enjoy the process!!!

All, please bring a comfortable lawn chair and a BIG Corvette smile!

For General Information please contact me at jimcurtis52@gmail.com or 816.898.3277 and for car/judging information please contact Tony Stein at anthonystein@att.net or 816.560.6605.

NCRS Award Programs

Founder's Award

NCRS Founders Award

Have you campaigned your beautiful Corvette in the Flight or Concours process and are looking for some more excitement? Then you should consider pursuing the NCRS Founders Award.

PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

This award was created with two purposes in mind:

- 1) To encourage and recognize the value and enjoyment in participation of the many various NCRS activities
- 2) To confirm the NCRS commitment to recognizing the significance of NCRS members driving their Corvettes, regardless of the Flight judging status achieved

This award is presented at the National Convention by one of the Founding Fathers of the NCRS.

AWARD PREREQUISITES

Within the award year or three preceding calendar years, a member with the car under identical ownership must

- 1) Be a member of a NCRS chapter throughout the prerequisite period.
- 2) Achieve any NCRS Flight award at a Chapter event, driven both ways. This must be completed prior to attempting #3 below.
- 3) Drive both ways to/from a regional event and earn a minimum score of 96% on an operations check. The appropriate National Team Leader or National PV Judge will conduct the Operations Check **only** at a regional event – operation checks at chapter or national events are not acceptable. There is no allowance for repairs or adjustments; however, unlike the standard NCRS Operations Check, the Founders Operational Check will be done on a **Functional basis** as opposed to being both appropriate and functional. If the item functions fully and properly, for example a cassette radio that replaces a Wonderbar radio or a quartz clock conversion may replace an original mechanical movement, no deductions will be noted. Bonus points for NCRS decal, battery cut-off switch and fire extinguishers will be counted.
- 4) Be at least a Level 1 or higher rating as an NCRS judge or tabulator.
- 5) Draft an article for **The Corvette Restorer** magazine. The article must be submitted and approved by the editor. The approved article does not have to be published, just approved for publication in future issues. Technical or how-to articles are given preference.

Founder's Award (continued)

- 6) Participate in a NCRS National Corvette Road tour - this is defined as registering, joining and driving with the tour a minimum of the final 500 miles on any National NCRS planned/recognized route.
- 7) Display the car at the National Convention under the same rules which applies to other cars. The appropriate National Team Leader will check the car to verify that it appears to display NCRS Flight Award prerequisite qualities. If so, the Team Leader or a Team will perform an Operations Check as described in #3 above and the car must score a minimum of 96%.

This award will be similar in stature to Duntov, McLellan, Hill, Bowtie, Crossed Flags and Folz plaques. Add-on plates are available for cars that register for the award in subsequent years assuming certain qualifications are met.

In addition to this award, the NCRS have several additional awards that are not dependent on Flight or Concours Judging – look for information on those awards in future chapter newsletters.

Note: The above information is a condensed description of the NCRS Founders Award. For full details, refer to Section 11 on pages 75 -76 of the NCRS Corvette Judging Reference Manual 9th Edition.

Let's Get Technical

Headlight Motot by Kent Schoneman

Preparing my son, Mike's '63 for judging in the Spring. Unfortunately, discovered (among other things) the driver's side headlight would not roll up. We had "restored" the car in late 90's - nice but not to NCRS specs. I kept the car when Mike moved to PA in early 2000's and with much help from my buddy Herb Force we re-restored the car to be more NCRS correct. Mike moved back to KC in 2010 and I gave the car back to him. Life gets in the way and he barely drove it for many years. Was going to send the motor off but after a little research I read a great article by NCRS member Alann Boatright and decided to give it a shot. Here's the approach I took:

Step one, remove the hood – It's possible to R&R to motor with the hood in place but honestly it's worth the effort to take it off especially during reinstall of the motor.



After disassembling the motor the problem was obvious – the grease looked more like Gorilla Glue – seriously!



Let's Get Technical

Headlight Motor by Kent Schoneman (continued)

I literally used a screwdriver, toothpicks and a brass brush with lacquer thinner to clean things up – very tedious!



Finally had everything looking like new



Note in the pic on the right the large gear with the rectangular hole (that plugs into the headlight bucket) I marked a small section on top with a black Sharpie – that is the part of the gear with slightly damaged teeth – positioned it 180° from the worm gear so I'll be using only the good section of teeth.

Let's Get Technical

Headlight Motor by Kent Schoneman (continued)

Greased everything up and reassembled – note I did not take the electrical portion of the motor apart. The motors were previously restored and I was pretty sure the only problem was the hardened grease.



Reinstalled the motor – this is where having the hood off makes thing a little easier – still a real chore. Works great now – ready for ops!



Hope this will encourage you to DIY your motors and save some time and money. Any questions – give me a call.

Kent 913-515-013

Let's Get Technical

C3 Seat Hinge Failure and Replacement by Marty Tydings

The driver's side seat on our 1980 C3 decided it no longer wanted to fold down. I did some research on Corvette Forum on how to fix it and did not find a solution. I went back out to the car to see if trying to rattle the hinges would cause whatever was binding the hinge to break loose. It didn't. However I did notice I could get to the screws that fasten the seat hinges in by removing the seat cushions. Before I tackled the project I looked for some replacement hinges and found them at Corvette Central for about \$122 with taxes and shipping. Once I had the hinges on hand I started the project.

To remove the top cushion push the right side of the top part of the cushion towards the middle of the cushion. It should release the top right catch, do the same to the bottom right side. With the right side loose you should be able pull the whole cushion towards you – forcing the release of the left side catches.



Seat cushion catches



Shows the wire keepers



All four top catches

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The bottom seat cushion has two V shapes in the wire holder that is at the front of the seat. Push on the bottom cushion from the front of the seat toward the rear of the car. It will release the cushion from the square opening in the seat frame.



Now you can access the seat hinges to replace them.



The Phillips head screws were on so tight I had to get my corded drill with a big Phillips head bit to get enough torque to get the screws out. The left hinge fell apart in my hand. The new hinges went in really easy.

Replace the cushions and voila you no longer have a seat that won't fold down.

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TOP CENTER Radiator Brackets in C2 Corvettes

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This all started when I was asked this: Do you have a bracket, **GM** part number 3874765? [Since my purchase in 1981, I did have](#) one..., along with a matching "GM part inventory tag" from 1981.

This center upper bracket holds rad support, top support tab on the radiator, and fan shroud, unless L88.

The 1963-65 1st design (for 327s) was PN 3797221 had a triangle shape and rounded edges. **The** asked for part was in the parts book as GM's 2nd design of that part.

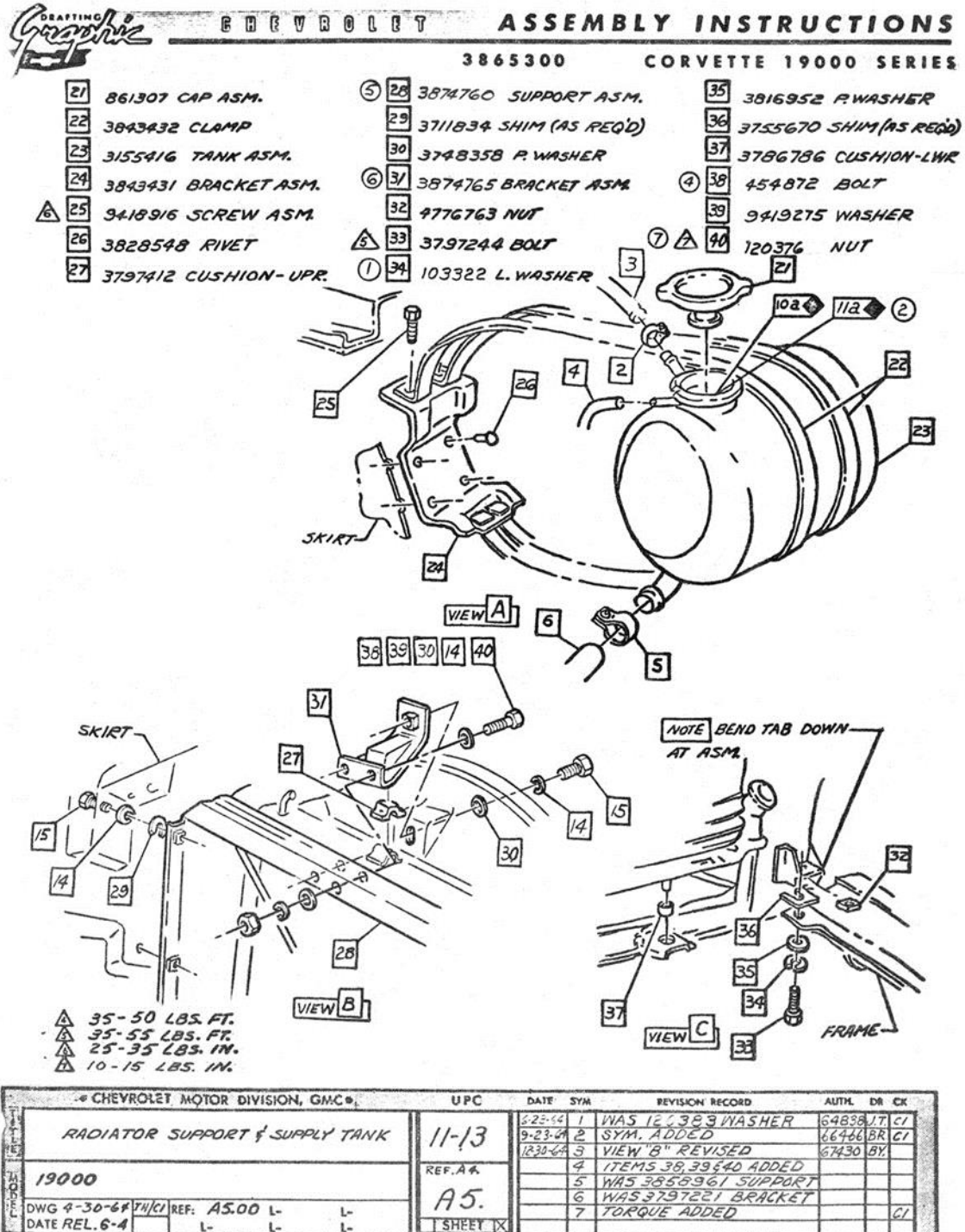
The part buyer is building a 1967 Corvette as a replica of the L88 option. **Funny thing about this part number.**

My 1981 Parts book says, **"second design" for the 1965 327 Corvette; Also says "except 396" and "Flat Edges"**.

More below about what the parts book says later. My AIM for 1965 indicates a change on 12/30/1964; a change to second design. **See item 31 next page**

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There is also just one single discussion of **PN 3874765** in the NCRS Tech. Forum. A (2005) forum entry asks basically "Has anyone ever seen the "second design" with "flat edges" on a 1965 327 Corvette? (Nobody said yes.)



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My photos above show "327 2ND Design" **PN 3874765**. In the third photo above, **that part** appears longer than what's being sold as a repro of the 1967 L88 bracket; Repro of what? Today's vendors say GM **3873748**, "65-67 TOP FAN SHROUD BRACKET - 396 and 427 L88". My 1981 parts book agrees... **3873748**, not 3874765, was the one for 396 "Big Block" Corvettes.

Why did the guy building the L88 want the 327 "2nd Design" part? Is the parts book wrong? Perhaps he has a Bill of Materials (a BOM for L88 Option)?

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Even if a longer part, L88s don't have a fan shroud, so a shorter version would fit.

Was the L88 radiator more upright? I think not.

A photo here shows a measurement from the part I sold. The parts book says this was a "1965 second design", **GM 3874765**. Functionally, does it differ from the "396 and L88" part? If they differ, I don't see it.



This photo (below) also shows part of the U shaped metal tab under the front half of the bracket. Below, note the same 2.25" measure on the bottom of the 396 and L88 part repro. This next photo shows the repro of GM **3873748**, "65-67 TOP FAN SHROUD BRACKET - **396 AND 427 L88**". (It was Paragon 3553 and is now Corvette Central's 242040.)

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The two parts look and measure the same...

Below, I'm referencing the 1981 page in my old Corvette Parts Book from GM SPO, group number 1.270. (This is a bit of a repeat of the AIM comment above.)

As you can see (again) the 327 upper bracket design was changed for 1965. A THIRD design, 3880085, is listed for 1966-67 327 small blocks.

Also in 1966-68, for the 427s, LH and RH upper brackets **were added**. **ALSO** note the additional new PNs after 1968...

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1.270 BOLT-BRACKET-CUSHION-FASTENER-INSULATOR-NUT-PLATE-RETAINER-SCREW -SHIM-SUPPORT-WASHER, Radiator									
NOTE 1: WHEN RAD. SUPPORT ASM. 3858963 IS USED IN PLACE OF 3874760, BRACKET ASM. 3797221 MUST ALSO BE USED.									
NOTE 2: 1ST DESIGN HAS STUDS AT LOWER CORNERS FOR ATTACHMENT OF FAN SHROUD, 2ND DESIGN HAS NO STUDS.									
NOTE 3: IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ADD TWO 1/4" HOLES FOR ATTACHING UPPER RAD. FAN SHROUD.									
74-79	Y		340717	AR	1.10	BOLT, RND HD SQ NK (.437-14 X 1.750 PC) (8.903)			
74-79	Y		340718	AR	.49	BOLT, RND HD SQ NK (.437-14 X 1.750 PC) (8.903)			
65	Y	(EXC. 396) (2ND DESIGN)	3874765	1	1.70	BRACKET, UPR (FLAT EDGES)			
65	Y	(396)	3873748	1	2.45	BRACKET, SUPT UPR			
66-67	Y	(327)	3880085	1	4.00	BRACKET, UPR			
66-68	Y	(427) (EXC. H.D.)	3886877	LH	3.35	BRACKET, UPR			
66-68	Y	(427) (EXC. H.D.)	3886878	RH	3.30	BRACKET, UPR			
69	Y	(EXC. H/PER., SP. H/PER. 427)	3966657	1	2.60	BRACKET, SUPT UPR			
70	Y	(350) W/M.T. (EXC. C.A.C., PERF. SUSP.)	3966657	1	2.60	BRACKET, SUPT UPR			
71-72	Y	(350) W/SP. H/PER., PERF. SUSP.	3966657	1	2.60	BRACKET, SUPT UPR			
71	Y	W/H.D. RAD. (EXC. SP. H/PER. 454)	3966657	1	2.60	BRACKET, SUPT UPR			
71-72	Y	W/M.T. (EXC. C.A.C., H/PER. 454)	3966657	1	2.60	BRACKET, SUPT UPR			
73-79	Y		327642	2	2.45	BRACKET, SUPT MT INTER			
53-62	Y		367314	AR	.58	CUSHION, SUPT (1 1/2" X 4 X 3/16" THICK)			
63-72	Y		3797412	1	.38	CUSHION, UPR			
69-72	Y	(350) W/M.T. (EXC. C.A.C.)	3764424	4	.44	FASTENER, SUPT SI SEAL RET (6.758)			
66-67	Y	(427) (EXC. H.D.)	3886891	4	.70	INSULATOR, LWR SUPT BRKT (5 3/8)			
68	Y		3886891	4	.70	INSULATOR, LWR SUPT BRKT (5 3/8)			
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Back to my 1965 AIM: Also on 12-30-1964, per UPC 11-13 Sheet A5, the non-air, non-fuel inj. radiator support changed from 3858961 to 3874760.

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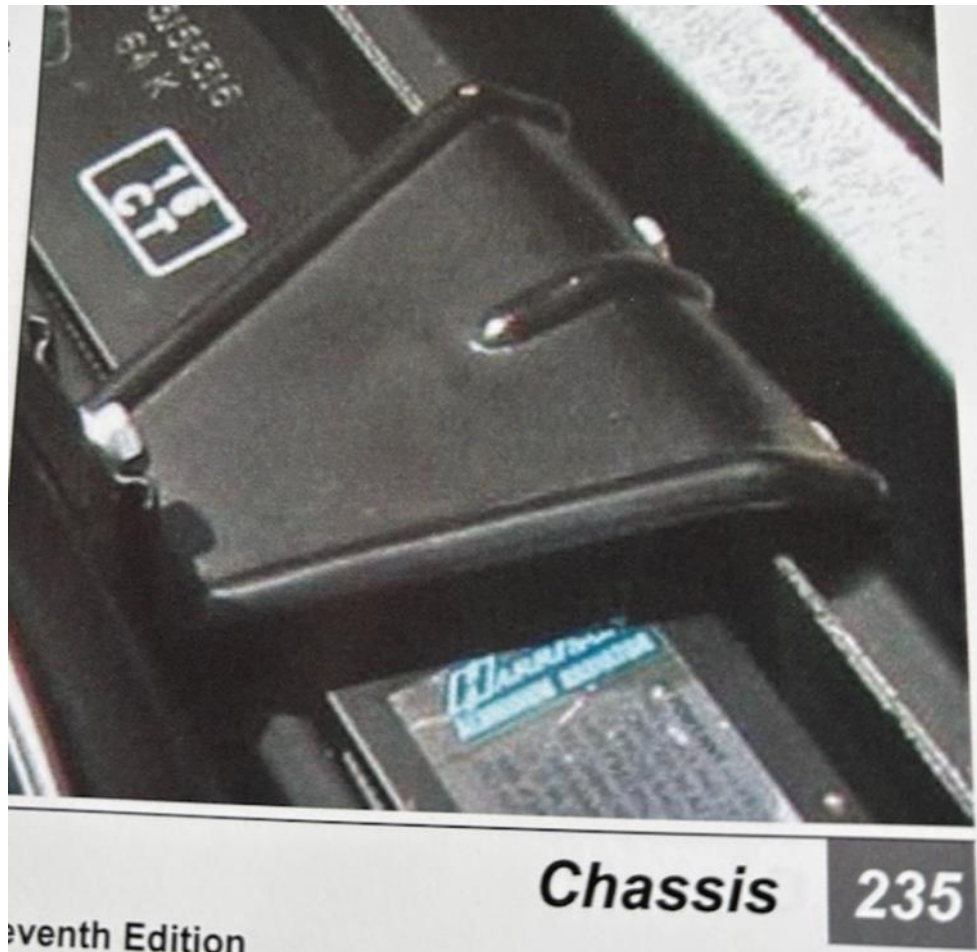
This is when the upper bracket changed from 1st design # 3797221 (rounded edge) to 2nd design **3874765** (flat edges).

Also on the same date, the C60 (Air cond.) rad support (no X-braces) went from # 3858358 to 3874768. The L84 fuel injection rad support was GM 3858963. In 1965, I think it continued to use the 1st design upper bracket.

Here is another wrinkle:

I can't remember ever seeing a 2nd design small block 1965 model year radiator support and upper bracket. All I have seen with 1965 327s look like the next photo.

See the new (7th) 1965 TIM&JG for the first design with rolled edges. This is 1963-1965 PN, GM 3797221:



Was the second design only used for service?

Have I been leading a life too sheltered?

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Center Top Brackets – A Summary:

1965 => **3874765** (was **3797221** - Dated 12-30-64)

1966 => **3880085** (3rd 327 Design) 1966 L72 => **3886868 (427)**

1967: L88 Note - Assembly Same As RPO L36

1967 => **3880085**

1967 L36

=> **3886868**
390 HP)



(427,

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Florida Regional Meet

FLORIDA 45TH WINTER REGIONAL

On February 16, 17 and 18, the Florida Chapter hosted the 45th Winter Regional and it was another wonderful event. For the second year, it was located at American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne, Florida. The weather was great, the cars were beautiful and it was a great start to the 2025 Corvette season.

This year the event attracted approximately 32 Flight Cars, 4 PV's, 16 Sportsman Display, 9 Concours as well 12 Special Interest/McLellan/Bowtie Display cars.

The KC Chapter was well represented at the event with (by my count) fourteen members and spouses in attendance – most of them active in judging – I believe the Chapter had at least one judge in every generation of Corvette!

If you have not heard of the American Muscle Car Museum, you should check it out:

The **American Muscle Car Museum** is in Melbourne, Florida. It's a private, non-profit museum that houses an impressive collection of over 420 muscle cars. The museum is not open to the public but is used for charitable fundraising events, car activities, and educational tours.

The museum was founded by Mark Pieloch, a car enthusiast who has been collecting cars since 1974. The collection includes rare versions of classic American muscle cars from the 1950s to the 1970s, as well as modern muscle cars like the 2022 Ford GT. The facility also features vintage balloon tire bicycles, auto-related neon signs, antique gas pumps, jukeboxes, pedal cars, and more.

If you're interested in learning more or attending an event, you can visit their (<https://www.americanmusclecarmuseum.com/>).

If you haven't attended this regional, you should consider it for next year – a great start to the Corvette season.

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