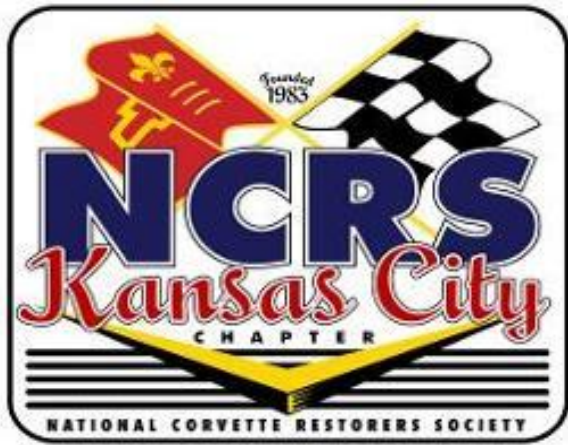


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Chairman's Message

KC NCRS Chapter Members, Well we made it through March! Spring is (finally) showing signs of light---this week we've had a few days in the 70's. Time to start thinking about bringing our cars out of hibernation!

Lots of Regional and National Judging Events have happened or are coming up. We had 2 Members partake in judging at the Tucson Regional last week. Several of us are going to Stuart Iowa April 14-15th for the Heartland Chapter Judging Event and the Nebraska Chapter Judging Event in Omaha on May 12-13th.

The next week April 21-22nd is our KC Chapter Hosted 2-Day Judging Meet. Tony is putting together the final entries and judging assignments. The 2-Day 5-Point Judging Events are becoming the norm for most Chapter Judging Events. We will be great hosts with putting together a dinner, hotel recommendations and other options for those coming from out of town.

Our next Chapter Meeting is Tuesday April 11th at The Other Place in Shawnee Kansas (Hiway 7th and Shawnee Mission Parkway). Dinner at 6 following by meeting 7-8:30ish. We will be finalizing logistics for our 2 Day Judging Meet---so please plan to attend!

Remember to mark Saturday May 6th as a placeholder for the Will Prout tour in Stillwell. Details are still being worked on this by Patti Norris.

The next Regional is in Altoona, PA which is the same weekend as Bloomington Gold in Illinois

See you on the 11th!

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Vice Chairman's Message

NCRS Vice Chairman notes by John Hecker

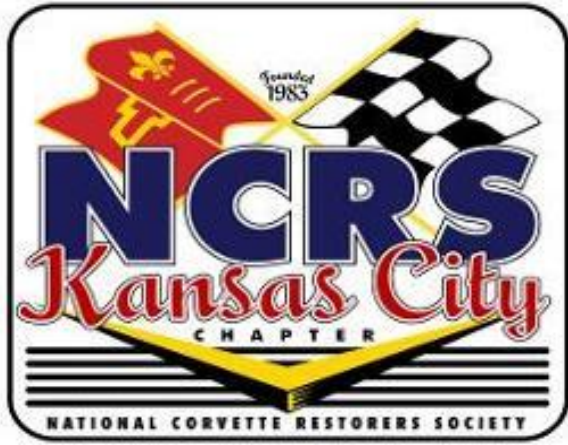
This year is getting off to a fast start. There are several events coming up including our Spring Judging event on April 21 and 22. This will be the first time our club is hosting a 2-day judging event. Several members have signed up to help judge at our last meeting. Spring is now here so we can drive our cars and enjoy the good weather.

I was at the Tucson Regional in March. I have enclosed some pictures from the judging field. It was in an outdoor parking lot near the Hotel. In June there are 2 more Regionals, one is in Rochester Minnesota. This one is nearby if you are looking to go this year. Later this year in October is the Regional in Frisco Texas which is also not too far away.

Hope to see you at upcoming events.

As a reminder check the NCRS web site for new events.

John



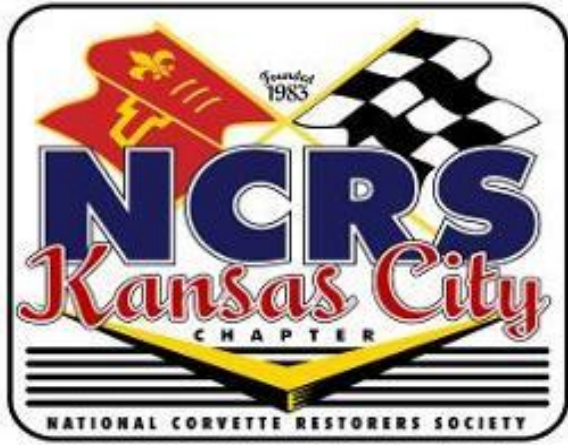
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Vice Chairman’s Message continued





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Editor's Message

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

I appreciate all the help for this edition. We have more ads. Hope they help.

More articles: Thanks Tony, Jim, John, Bob, and Steve.

There are lots of events coming up. There is a list of events in this edition. If there are more, let me know. When you go to events, please take pictures and write up an article to tell us about it.

We had a large turn out for the Florida regional. 8 members from the KC area. 2 members went to Tucson.

I know there are those of you who are working on your cars. Remember I need technical articles. We are off to a good start but need to keep going.

Remember our chapter judging event is coming up in April. There are lots of ways to participate. Looking for to seeing you there. Yes I have volunteered to help with tabulation.

The next edition is currently scheduled for May 31st publication. If you can get me your ads and articles by May 24th it would be appreciated

Thanks again,
Cindy

2023 Kansas City Chapter NCRS Meeting Places

2023 NCRS Monthly Meeting Place

APR 11th

The Other Place--22730 Midland Dr, Shawnee, KS 66226 913-441-0094
Coordinator: Jon Shafer Dinner 6 PM/Meeting 7-830

MAY 9th

Pizza Shoppe---1105 W Main St., Blue Springs, MO 64015 816-295-2925
Coordinator: Charlie Dryer Dinner 6PM/Meeting 7-8:30

JUN 13th

TBD

JUL 11th

Old Shawnee Pizza--6000 Roger Road, Shawnee, KS 66203 913-631-5716
Coordinator: Gary Martin Dinner 6 PM/Meeting 630-8

AUG 8th

Smokehouse BBQ--19000 E 39th St S, Independence, MO 64057 816-795-5555
Coordinator: Harry Ledgerwood Dinner 6 PM/Meeting 7-830

SEP 12th

Stone Canyon Pizza--15 Main St, Parkville, MO 64152 816-746-8686
Coordinator: Tony Stein Dinner 6 PM/Meeting 7-830

OCT 10th

The Other Place--22730 Midland Dr, Shawnee, KS 66226 913-441-0094
Coordinator: Jon Shafer Dinner 6 PM/Meeting 7-830

NOV 14th

Pizza Shoppe---1105 W Main St., Blue Springs, MO 64015 816-295-2925
Coordinator: Charlie Dryer Dinner 6PM/Meeting 7-8:30

DEC--No Meeting Scheduled

Important Upcoming Events

- 1) April 14 is Heartland Chapter Judging meet in Stuart, Iowa
- 2) THE KANSAS CITY CHAPTER JUDGING MEET IS APRIL 21-22
- 3) April 28 - 29 is the Minnesota Chapter Flight Judging Meet.
- 4) May 13th is the KC Chapter Driving Tour/Will Prout Collection
- 5) June 1-3 Pittsburg Tri-State Regional in Altoona, Pittsburg
- 6) June 1-3 is Bloomington Gold
- 7) June 8-10 is North Central Regional in Rochester, Minnesota
- 8) June 17 is Kansas City Chapter Picnic
- 9) June 30-31 is 70th Anniversary NCM in Bowling Green, Kentucky
- 10) July 23 - 27 is NCRS National Convention in French Lick, Indiana
- 11) August 25-26 Summer's End Corvette Show in Rogers, Arkansas
- 12) September 9 - Heartland Chapter Flite Judging in Stuart, Iowa
- 13) September 14-16 Ontario Regional in Ontario, Canada
- 14) September 28 KC Chapter Driving Tour to Eureka Springs, Arkansas
- 15) October 19 - Texas Regional in Frisco Texas

As you can see there is a lot of events coming up. If I missed anything, let me know and I will add it to the list.

Let 's Get Technical

INSTALLATION OF T-3 HEADLIGHTS IN A C2 CORVETTE

By Tony Stein

NCRS No. 4600



This article demonstrates the installation process of T-3 headlights in a C2 Corvette. I documented this process while restoring my 1965 convertible. I hope that others may find this article helpful.

I began with the installed buckets in my project. The one in the photo below is the passenger-side headlight bucket.



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My headlight bucket has the original attachment points, bolts and springs. From past experience, I've found that it is best just to reuse your original attachment parts. In an earlier restoration, I tried to remove some of the attachment screws, but they easily twisted off while trying to remove them. Unless these parts are broken and need replacing, I would recommend that you just keep and use your originals.

The first part of the process is the installation of the headlight extension wires. They connect to the engine wiring harness. Notice that the headlight extension wire assembly comes in two parts: the wires themselves and the plastic socket that aids in attaching the headlight wiring extension to the engine wiring harness



Note the three lead wires and plastic plug-in holder:



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Simply feed the three wires through the hole in the outboard side of the headlight bucket and pull through. Once the three leads are through, install the three separate wires into the plastic plug. The harness vendor provides written instructions where the three wires plug into the plastic plug. Once the three leads are attached to the plastic plug, it will be ready to plug into the main engine wiring harness. That will be addressed at the end of this article.



The headlight wiring extension is now ready for installation of the T-3 headlights. Notice that there are two separate plugs on the extension wire. The one on the left accepts a 3-prong headlight, and the one on the right accepts a 2-prong headlight. The sequence on these plugs is opposite on the driver's side. Remember, the low beams are always outboard and the high beams are always inboard.



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Low Beam



High Beam

The headlights are installed in place with a galvanized cup and stainless-steel ring. Each headlight has its own separate cup and ring. They are shown below



Notice with the cup on the left, there are two open slots shown at the 12:00 o'clock and 3:00 o'clock positions. Those open slots fit into a slot just below the Phillips screw heads on the headlight bucket. Feed the wire plug through the opening in the metal cup, as shown in the photographs below:

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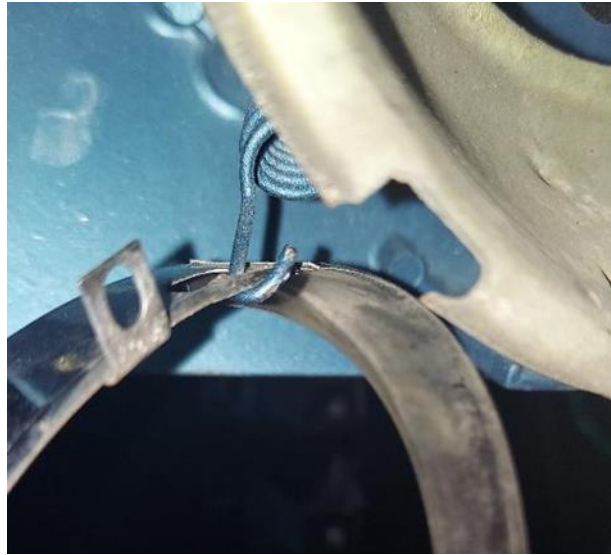


At this point, plug the headlight into the plug-in.

Now you are ready to install the stainless-steel ring which does two things. First, the stainless-steel ring firmly attaches the headlight to the headlight cup. Second, the ring sets the headlight into the proper position for the later headlight bezel installation.

The stainless-steel ring has three attachment points. The first two are holes in the extensions shown in the following photo. The holes in the ring at the 12:00 o'clock position and 3:00 o'clock position correspond to the holes in the cup. Place the bulb in the cup with the T-3 emblem in proper alignment. Then place the ring over the bulb and screw in the machine screws that attach the ring to the cup at the 12:00 o'clock and 3:00 o'clock positions. The third attachment point is a bit trickier. The stainless-steel ring has an open slot at the 8:00 o'clock position. The spring end attached to the headlight bucket must be pulled and stretched so that it attaches into that slot. See below:

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Once the spring end is placed through the stainless-steel ring, your headlight is now in place.

Repeat the same process for the high beam headlight. Once both are installed as shown, this is how your headlight assembly should appear

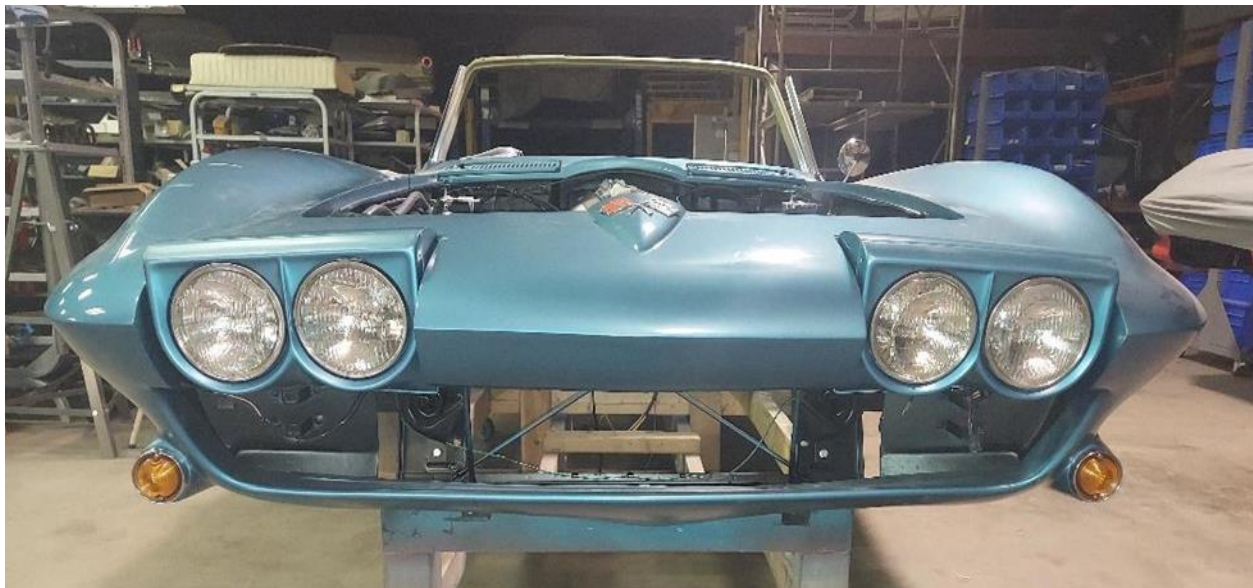


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The next step is the installation of the headlight bezel. The bezel is painted body color and should not have a highly polished appearance since it was not polished at the factory after paint. To install the bezel, place the bezel in place. There is an opening on each side of the bezel to screw in a silver, flat headed machine screw. Underneath the bezel, two black phosphate machine screws are inserted in the two holes below. Once all four screws are in place, you've completed the installation of your headlight assemblies.



The final step to complete this project is to attach the black plastic end of the headlight wire extension into the main engine harness. This will be done in the grille area on each side. It is a tight fit, so it may take a little "persuading" to get the three-prong plastic plug into place. Once that is done, the job is complete



Let's Get Technical continued

I hope this helps others tackle this job. It took me about 2 hours to complete.

By the way, do you know what T-3 stands for? It stands for a headlight that was designed to cast light 3 degrees down and 3 degrees to the right to avoid light shining directly into the eyes of an oncoming car.

1958 BODY DROP by Jim Cianciolo

The restoration of my late brother's 1958 Corvette is picking up speed. We've rounded the fourth turn and are headed toward the finish line! In early February we moved the body from the paint shop to Route 66 Corvette Restorations in Blue Springs.

Aaron, Don and Geoff swarmed the all over the newly painted shell transforming it into a real Corvette. I tried my best to stay out of their way. I did lend a hand by shagging tools and parts.

I did help install the side cove stainless and headlight buckets.

In just five weeks they had installed the exterior trim, the wiring harness, the dash pad, the windshield and door guts and all of the weather stripping. It went amazingly fast and their skill and experience is quite evident.

By the first week of March we determined that it was finally time to place the body on the frame. But first we rolled the chassis outside and fired up the little fuelie one more time to make sure it would run and not puke oil or coolant. She purred like a tomcat in a dairy barn.

Don and Aaron rigged the body to a frame suspended by cable hoists from the ceiling. We unbolted the body from the body dolly and ratcheted it up and rolled the dolly out of the way. Then we pushed the chassis into position and SLOWLY lowered the body down.

The whole event only took a couple of hours. Or maybe it only took about 15 years because that is how long it had been apart. Our goal is to take it to the Rochester Regional in June and then onto French Lick for the National Convention. If we can maintain the pace I think we can make it.

I do think that for this procedure we should find a better name than BODY DROP!



NCRS Flight Judging - Part 1

Judging at NCRS events -- Part one Observer Judging for Flight cars.

I would like to talk about judging at an NCRS event. If you're new or have only judged a few times you can work at an event as an observer Judge. First off there are several Flight judging car classes in the C1 through C5 groups. Each car group has its own Technical Manual and Judging Guide. Car classes are 53-55, 56-57, 58-60, 61-62, 63-64, 65, 66, 67SM, 67BB, 68-69, 70-72, 73-82, 84-96, 97-04.

You can first pick the year of car you would like to learn more about. Then you can pick which of the 5 sections you are interested in judging. They are Operations, Interior, Exterior, Mechanical or Chassis. The Technical Manual and Judging Guide for the year of car your judging is provided to each team. It may not be possible to get the year of car and section you want to judge. For example, there may not be any C4's at the meet or they may already have judges for the interior (if that is what you wanted to do). Please be flexible. They may need you for a C2 or C3 instead or for mechanical and not chassis. Just be open and honest with the judges as to what you feel comfortable with. The Technical Manual and Judging Guide will cover the differences for you.

You will be learning with a pair of more experienced judges working on the car. You may be asked to look up items in the judging manual as needed by the judges you're working with. This is one way to see what is needed to become a judge. You may be an observer judge at any NCRS event from a local event to a Regional event up to the National event. To see if a spot is available you need to contact the event judging chair before the event.

Observer judges earn points at each event they work on. At the local level you earn 1 point each day you judge, at the Regional level you earn 2 points each day you judge, and at the National level you earn 3 points each day you judge.

[The Technical Manual and Judging Guide will cover the differences for you.](#)

Thanks

John Hecker

Summer's End Corvette Show in Rodgers . Arkansas

Hello NCRS KC Chapter members

At the March meeting I volunteered to lead a caravan of Corvettes down to Rogers AR for the annual Summer's End Corvette Show sponsored by the Northwest Arkansas Corvette Club.

<https://www.nwacorvetteclub.org/>

I've done this for several years with another group of Corvettes and it is a fun weekend. Last year, NWACC had over 200 Corvettes registered for this event.

We will meet in the morning of Friday August 25 and caravan our cars to Joplin MO, where we stop and have some good BBQ. From Joplin, we'll cruise down to the Holiday Inn in Springdale AR. We'll have plenty of time to get the bugs off our cars before the complimentary cook-out is served. Each registration comes with two dinner tickets, so you won't need to buy one for your spouse.

Ed Martin, John Hecker, Jerry Adams and Marty Tydings can all comment on how much fun this event is and the quality of the Corvettes.

If you are interested in attending, but not certain, at MINIMUM, contact Holiday Inn to reserve your room. Rooms fill up fast as this is a very nice hotel which includes complimentary breakfasts. You can always cancel the reservation should you decide not to attend.

Another bit of advice. When you book the room, call the hotel directly and ask for make a reservation for the Summer's End Corvette Show. This will guarantee you the \$109 rate.

More detail will follow as we get closer to the event date.

Below is the letter sent from NWACC to prior participants. Please read carefully as it will answer many of your questions.

Bob Henn
NCRS 62833

Message from NWACC follows

Summer's End Corvette Show & Shine August 25 & 26, 2023

Hi Corvetters! It's been a while since we "talked."

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Northwest Arkansas Corvette Club's **2023 Summer's End Corvette Show, August 25 and 26**. We hope you will all be able to be here for the show again this year.

Summer's End Corvette Show in Rodgers . Arkansas continued

As in past years, you may register online at www.nwacorvetteclub.org for the show and there is a link to make your hotel reservations at the group rate of \$109, including free breakfast. If you don't make hotel reservations through our web site, be sure, when you call, that you ask to make them with the front desk instead of the national IHG reservations. They won't give you the same price. Phone number: 479-751-8300, Option 1

One of our guests' favorite activities is the "cruise" on Friday morning, August 25. Again, this year, David Hyden will be leading the group. He will take you on a beautiful curvy, hilly highway to Wiederkehr Winery and Weinkeller Restaurant near Altus, Arkansas. Here is their web site with their menu: <https://www.wiederkehrwines.com/menu>. Our club has gone there a few times and the food is always great. The setting, in an old wine cellar, is really cool (literally and figuratively – you may want to bring a sweater or jacket). If you plan on joining the group, meet in the hotel lobby at 9:00 a.m., Friday.

New this year, we are offering packet pickup on Thursday evening, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., for people who come in early, but only if they have pre-registered. This will be in the Springdale Room, up a few steps and down the hall to the east of the lobby.

In addition to the cruise, we have many more fun activities planned for the weekend. The Corvette Show will be Saturday, August 26 at Pinnacle Hills Promenade in Rogers. Most other activities are just a few miles south on I-49 at our host hotel, Holiday Inn in Springdale.

The cost for the Saturday evening banquet has gone up a little to \$45 per person, but remember, that includes the banquet space, full meal, coffee/tea, dessert, sales tax and gratuities, etc.

Friday evening, each registrant gets two free dinners. We often have people who pay for the Friday dinner, and we must give a refund at registration. You only must pay if you bring more than two people to the Friday cookout dinner.

I have attached a PDF of the registration form (2 pages). If you would prefer to send your registration and a check by mail, you can print it off, or you can refer to it for details. You can also print from online registration form and send that, if you prefer.

We have made a few changes on the registration form you may want to note:

- We have added an entry for mileage on your car (at the time you register). This will help judges when they are faced with a tie.
- Late registration for all cars, whether judged or not, adds \$10 to the registration fee.

This year, we are asking both the driver and his/her passenger to sign the waiver.

Summer's End Corvette Show in Rodgers . Arkansas continued

This year's theme is "Aloha," a Hawaiian theme. Be sure to wear your Hawaiian shirts, or a grass skirt, etc. to the Saturday evening dinner to join in the fun.

And, speaking of shirts, the car show t-shirts will be turquoise for the ladies, and all will be vee-neck. Men's shirts are gold with a crew neck. If a gal prefers a crew neck, order a men's shirt to fit you. Same for men who would prefer a vee-neck. Note that women's shirts are shaped with a narrower waist. And, unfortunately, our new t-shirt vendor does not have any shirts in 3XL. Sorry.

And, finally, Gordon and I are not chairing this year's car show. I am in charge of communication, and you'll hear from me every month or so with updates and information. The new chairs are Arell and Dee Wasson. They have been members of our club for several years and have been very involved with the car show in that time. Feel free to give me a call or send a message if you have any questions, or you can contact Arell at awasson@ihdsolutions.us.

Can't wait to see you all again August 25 and 26!

Linda Slothower
479-263-8451

Cunningham Corvettes

The Three Cunningham Corvettes That Raced At Le Mans In 1960 Are Reunited Again, 63 Years Later

It was a historic evening in Florida at The Amelia Island Car Concourse weekend Friday night, March 3rd, 2023, as the three Cunningham Corvettes were reunited for the first time in 63 years!

In 1960, Briggs Cunningham took three C1 Corvettes to France to race at the 24 Hours Of Le Mans. The #1 car crashed during the race. The #2 car suffered engine failure. But the #3 car finished 8th overall and first in the GT Class! The #2 car is currently owned by Bruce Meyer from the Peterson Automotive Museum. The #3 car was found by famed Corvette Hunter, Kevin Mackay, of Corvette Repair in Long Island, New York. Mackay restored the car back to its original 1960 livery for its owner, Chip Miller, of Carlisle Events and Corvettes at Carlisle. After Chip's passing, the #3 car was passed on to his son, Lance. Last year, Lance sold the #3 car to a private owner.

The unveiling was attended by 300-400 people. Michael Brown of *Corvette Nation TV* fame, co-hosted the event.

The documentary, *The Quest*, was shown first. The three Cunningham Corvettes were lined up in front of the stage, just as they were in 1960 prior to the start of the race at Le Mans.

After the documentary was completed, the men from Kevin Mackay's Corvette Repair in Long Island, New York, pulled the cover back on the #1 car to reveal it in its original livery from that historic race in 1960. This is the first time all three Cunningham Corvettes have been together in 63 years! Kevin Mackay and the men of Corvette Repair spent close to 16 months expertly restoring the #1 Cunningham Corvette.

Briggs Cunningham's youngest daughter, Lynn, was in attendance. Lynn's son was also in attendance. He is now the current owner of the #1 Cunningham Corvette after its restoration at Corvette Repair.

As a matter of fact, Kevin Mackay emerged from the #1 Corvette after the cover was pulled off the #1 car in a 1960's style racing suit, racing helmet and a full mask that looked very similar to Briggs Cunningham! He welcomed the crowd as Briggs Cunningham himself and thanked them for attending.

Other dignitaries attendance included Bruce Meyer, who owns the #2 Cunningham Corvette and Lance Miller, former owner of the #3 Cunningham Corvette, along with its current private owner.

NCRS/Kansas City Chapter member, Steve Garrett, and President of the Corvette Club of Kansas City and host of the only current podcast on Corvettes called **CORVETTE TODAY** (www.CorvetteToday.com) was also in attendance and submitted this article and pictures.

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