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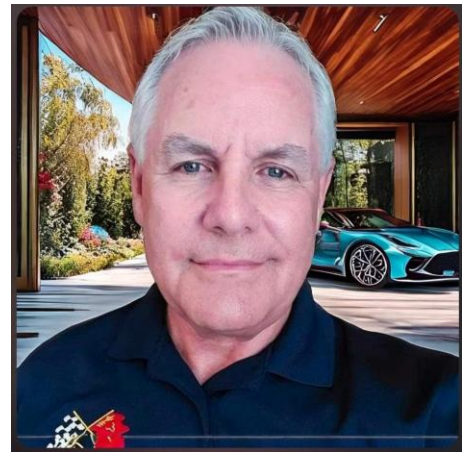
## National Corvette Restorers Society

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### NCRS Region VII

*News and notes...*

Hosted by Tony Stein, your Region VII Director.  
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Hello,

Welcome, March! The Spring is not far away, and with it, an active time for NCRS events. Please check out the Region VII chapter and regional events happening between now and May. They are shown below. Attending these events is both important and beneficial. The event hosts appreciate your participation, and those who attend get an opportunity to see some really great cars and participate in learning and judging opportunities.

Last year, we celebrated the NCRS's 50th anniversary, and with it, we enjoyed reflecting and celebrating 50 years of nostalgia. 2025 marks Year One of moving forward as a Society. What does that mean? It means that we need to be willing to innovate and adapt to changing trends and changing times. We will continue to adhere to the standards that have established our judging practices at the top of the car judging world. We do not offer "drive-through, fast food" judging. Our standards are comprehensive. It is a not a 20- or 30minute process. Ten judges spend three hours judging each car. When an NCRS member's car earns one of our prestigious awards, that means something.

Shouldn't we be considering how to incorporate even the newest Corvettes into the NCRS family? Here are some interesting statistics:

Overall, the C8 owners are the youngest of all Corvette generation owners. Only about a third of C8 owners is over 65 (and only 46% for C7), compared to 62% for C6 owners, 65% for C5 owners and 68% for C4 owners.

Here's the C8 age breakdown:

- 44 and under: 15%
- 45 to 54: 22%
- 55 to 64: 26%
- over 65: 37%

I am not proposing that we create Flight judging for the newest Corvettes, but I think we should be thinking about other ways to provide some meaningful ways for the newest Corvettes to find a home in the NCRS, and I don't mean just parked in the parking lot while our iconic chrome-bumpered Corvettes are being judged. The NCRS is certainly part of the Corvette legacy. After all, the NCRS is a founding member of the National Corvette Museum, and our very own Vito Cimilluca (NCRS Region III director) sits on the NCM Board of Directors as our NCRS representative. So, maybe we need to re-imagine what the NCRS should be. I remember when Sears Roebuck was the leading retailer in America. Unfortunately, Sears is basically no more. What happened? Sears failed to see the need to innovate and adapt to changing market demands. Complacency is a formula for decline, and I do not want that to happen to the NCRS. The NCRS national Board of Directors will be meeting on March 20th, and I have asked Mike Ingham to place an item on the agenda for New Business. I will be asking the Board of Director to approve a new steering committee to develop ideas on how we can incorporate new and newer model Corvettes into our NCRS family.

You may also recall from my prior monthly newsletters that I mentioned that last Fall at the Lone Star Regional that the Board of Directors approved my request to create a marketing and steering committee to develop marketing recommendations to the Board so that we can reach non-NCRS Corvette owners. I am chairing that steering committee with the tremendous help of other committee members Rick Barrack, Vito Cimilluca (Region III director), Andy Goodman (Region II director), and Dan Young (1967 national team leader). We are in the process of creating our very first marketing-only website that is being designed for use with social media. The new website is: [JoinNCRS.com](https://JoinNCRS.com). The new website is being developed now, and I am hopeful that we can have a roll-out in the Spring of 2025.

You will also recall that at the January, 2025 NCRS Board meeting, the Board overwhelmingly passed a motion to adopt a new standardized regional and national judge's shirt. The reason for adopting this new shirt design is to create a more standardized look and appearance. They will be available from no stars to five stars. The embroidered gold stars give the appearance of a rank insignia, which helps the car owners better understand and appreciate each judge's level of experience. These shirts are offered on a volunteer purchase basis. That means that judges can purchase one or more shirts. They come in both men's and women's sizes and styles. I have been reading with comical amusement some of the comments on the NCRS discussion board about these new, next generation regional and national judging shirts. Yes, the male model in the photo is smaller in stature than most of our actual judges, and yes, these shirts come in all sizes.



Since our national team leaders all wear standardized team leader shirts, it is a natural next step to create a standardized shirt for our Flight judges. Imagine how we want to move forward in developing our image in the Corvette world? Some might say, "Hey, this is just a club. What difference does it make if I want to wear my AC/DC T-shirt while I Flight judge?" To those that hold onto the past, like it was an old Sears Roebuck catalogue, we WERE just a "club" when you could buy any C2 you wanted for \$3,500.00. Those days are gone, and they aren't coming back. We are a society, but we are also part of an industry...like it or not. These new standardized judges' shirts are not a big-ask. It is not like we are asking NCRS judges to wear sports jackets and ties as the Ferrari judges do. If a team leader wants you for a Flight judge, he will pick you regardless of whether you wear one of these shirts. However, image is important. Think about purchasing one of these new Flight judges' shirts. I can help you place your order with Dave Leash who is our NCRS apparel vendor.

For those NCRS members living in Region VII that have not joined an NCRS chapter, I continue to encourage you to consider joining one of our excellent chapters. Chapter contacts are listed below. The fellowship that we share adds to the enjoyment of our Society. You can put in as much or as little effort in chapter activities as you wish, but you will find welcoming hands to greet you. Our Region VII chapters and leaders are listed below. Please consider joining one of our chapters.

Many thanks to the regional sponsors listed at the bottom of this newsletter!

In closing, I want to thank each of you for what you do in support of this great organization. The NCRS truly represents the "**Mark of Excellence**" in building value in the car collecting world.

Remember, we are all in this together!

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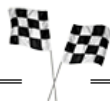
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**March 14-16, 2025**

**Texas Chapter--Houston  
area Flight Judging**

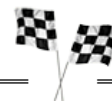
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**Carolina Regional**

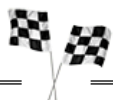
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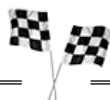
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Judging**

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**May 16-17, 2025**

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