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NCRS Region VII

News and notes...

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Hello,

Welcome to May and the Spring car season!

The Missouri "Show-Me" Regional recently concluded on April 18th, and it was another huge success! Many thanks to the St. Louis and Kansas City Chapters for all the hard work and another job well done! Cars came from throughout the United States and Canada to help showcase this fun event. The Springfield Expo Center again served as our show venue where 30,000 square feet was used for 81 registered car and over 230 registered NCRS members attending. I want to personally thank my fellow directors Andy Goodman, Richard Small and Bill Braun for coming and supporting this regional event. We had 45 Flight cars, 19 PVs, and 10 Open Division cars registered for judging. There were also a number of beautiful display cars there, too. I also want to thank the many sponsors that helped make this regional such a big success. Each are shown at the end of this newsletter. Ann Kelsey of Kelsey Tires did double duty by both being a valued sponsor for the regional, and Ann also OJ'd with me on K.C. Strawmyre's 1965 team on Saturday. It was a lot of fun.

The next regional will be held in Altoona, PA in early June, and then we will be traveling to the Corvette Nationals in Charleston. Both should be great fun.

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Our NCRS IT Department has been working diligently to upgrade our NCRS.org website and many features on our website. One improvement was made regarding the use of Paypal. Our NCRS webmaster Alex Fraundorf recently provided the following updates for our NCRS chapters:

Join/Renew Wizard

A new wizard-style page that will help new and existing members move step-by-step to select the correct membership or renewal based on their location. This will be going live next week and should help alleviate some confusion.

New PayPal Integration

A new integration for paying online (REST API) has been rolling out to the NCRS site and many chapters over the last few months. This new integration allows members to easily pay for event registrations and chapter memberships with a credit or debit card. The new, streamlined integration still allows members to pay with a PayPal account if they want to, but it no longer will require the member to have one, nor will it prompt them to create one.

Old PayPal Integration Retiring

The old PayPal integration (SOAP/NVP) is being retired in early 2027. Online payments will stop working for chapters that have not upgraded to the new REST API version by then. There are instructions for Chapter treasurers in the Training Section of our website at <https://ncrs.org/training/>, and they can reach out to Alex Fraundorf, alex@ncrs.org, for assistance.

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Finally, I would like to share these thoughts with you on the important work that we do when we judge fellow members' cars:

As a judge, you are an NCRS leader. Your job is to help inspire members whom you encounter both on the judging field and during encounters that you may have off the judging field. That includes owners, OJs, fellow judges and team leaders. Remember that your reputation as a judge is very important when it comes to inspiring confidence in both your judging skills and also as a representative of the NCRS itself. It is essential that you build trust with the owner. Be adaptable to both the car you are judging and the owner, too. Of course, you must be prepared for your judging assignment. Know your product, know the matrix system, but also be mindful of your etiquette and demeanor. When you judge and later review your judging sheets with the owner, you want to inspire the owner to listen to your judging evaluation in a way that causes the owner to use your judging insights as a pathway to better understand and improve his/her car. Avoid confrontations with the owner. Your team leader is there to help you with the owner in the event a deduction is made against which the owner may object. Give the owner positive direction and purpose.

Consider your judging style. Do you have a blind spot in your judging style? Are you interacting with owners in a way that fosters a positive experience for the owners, or are you simply using your judging opportunities to demonstrate how much you know? Remember, there is nothing noble about acting better than others. Concentrate on building trust with owners. Building trust will make an owner feel more welcome to confide in you regarding particularly challenging issues with the owner's restoration and preservation efforts. If owners stop coming to you for help solving their problems or challenges, it may be because the owners have lost confidence in your role as a judge. After all, our job as judges is not just to give a fair and objective evaluation of an owner's car based on our judging standards, but we also want to inspire and motivate the owner. By following these simple but important leadership rules, we will inspire owners to remain active and supportive of the NCRS.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

The NCRS automatic membership renewal program is not currently active. Please check your membership renewal date. As of now, you will need to manually renew your membership online at: NCRS.org.

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Helpful hints to car owners: If you are having a car judged at a chapter, regional or national event, there are some practical precautions that you should follow. Please be sure to bring fender covers for your front fenders. The Mechanical and Chassis teams will need to view various parts of your engine bay for judging. That means that judges may lean against your upper fenders. No judge wants to damage your paint. The best way for you, as an owner, to avoid any unwanted marks is to bring fender covers. I prefer large cotton towels. They are soft and provide effective protection. Owners should also bring the necessary tools to help remove various components from your car prior to judging. Remember owners, in some cases, you will need to remove your spare tire, ignition shielding and air breather assembly. Make sure that you bring the necessary tools to aid you in removing your components. Lastly, bring a chair to sit in comfort while your car is being judged. You are politely asked to step away from the judges as they judge your car. You will have plenty of time to review the judges' findings after your sectional judges complete their work. Finally, if you disagree with any call that your flight judges may make, you can raise any discussions with the team leader.

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Until next time, remember: We are all in this together.

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NCRS CODE OF CONDUCT: (Updated March 19, 2026)

Every year, and on an ongoing basis, the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) organizes and sponsors numerous judging, technical, social, and road tour events at chapter, regional, and national levels for its members, guests, staff, exhibitors, vendors, and speakers (hereafter: “attendees”).

The NCRS values all attendees who participate in NCRS events. The NCRS is committed to providing a welcoming, enjoyable, and harassment-free experience for all attendees at each NCRS event.

In order to facilitate these goals, the NCRS has adopted this binding Code of Conduct that applies to all attendees during the duration of each NCRS event. This includes any social activities with fellow NCRS members during the event date(s) and offsite NCRS activities while under each event umbrella while the event is being held regardless of time and location.

The NCRS will not condone or permit behavior that is disrespectful, discourteous, irresponsible, or physically or verbally harassing. All attendees at NCRS events are expected to follow this Code of Conduct.

Failure to follow this Code of Conduct may result in the offending attendee being expelled from an event without refund, prohibition from attending future events, suspension of NCRS membership, or expulsion from the NCRS.

Violations of this Code of Conduct should be immediately reported to any member of the NCRS Board of Directors with whom the victim is comfortable.

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July 26-30, 2026

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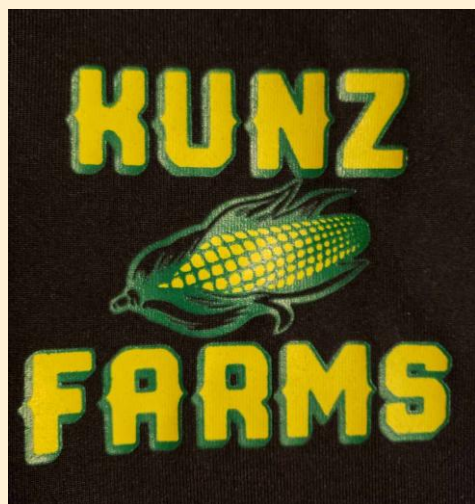

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