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Chairman's Message

Hello KC NCRS Chapter Members! I'm having the privilege of writing my very first Chairman's Message!

I'd like to start by again thanking Daniel Rechtfertig for his great support as our Chairman for the past 5 years! He has been extremely helpful in our transition and is always there for assistance and advice. I'm also very thankful that he has agreed to be our Chapter Webmaster---a job that he is very good at, has a passion for and fits his "wheelhouse". And it keeps him an active part of our great KC Chapter!

We have a busy Spring, Summer and Fall planned for the remainder of our year. Our Social Director Patty Norris has some great activities planned so far. One of the things several people asked about was adding more Social Activities to our calendar. So far we have scheduled the Gangster Tour in March and Chapter Picnic for June. If you have any suggestions on cool things our group would like---PLEASE let her know! She can be reached at r.norris@sbcglobal.net. There are also a few mechanical activities in the works including a Saturday at Route 66 to see some restorations in process (including Jim Cianciola's 58 FI Car) and a Saturday at Accent Automotive to see our process for rebuilding/restoring SBC's and BBC's to factory appearance. Lisa and I attended the Florida Regional in February---this was my first time attending a Regional and had a great time not only judging early C3's but meeting and socializing with others judging and car owners who were having their cars judged. I HIGHLY encourage everyone who can make time to attend at least 1 Regional event this year. We have them all on the KC NCRS page at <https://ncrskc.com>. Jim Curtis does a GREAT job in keeping our calendar of events up to date!

An organization like ours cannot keep "moving forward" without everyone's contributions. We've had a couple of great judging school presentations at the last 2 Chapter Meetings. I'm asking for everyone to think about restoration processes that you have learned and perfected---and put it into a presentation for the group. Even if you've given a presentation in the past---we have several new members now who can utilize our knowledge and experience. PLEASE think about what you can do and let me know so I can plan our next Chapter Meetings agenda.

And finally---I hope that everyone is looking forward to our Chapter Judging Meet Saturday May 14th. Please plan to attend to judge or support. If you haven't judged in awhile---or are new to it---we have room for Observer Judges (OJ's). I personally have had great experience starting as an OJ years ago in a Chapter Judging Event and have recently OJ'd at the Regional Level as I work towards my goal of being added to the early C3 National Judging Team. Tony can be reached at anthonymstein@att.net if you'd like to get a judging assignment or assist in other ways. We will see you at the April Chapter Meeting at The Other Place in Shawnee---a new meeting place for us this year!

Sincerely, Jon Shafer
KC NCRS Chapter Chairman
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Vice - Chairman's Message

2022 has started off good, over 12 of our NCRS club members traveled to the Florida Regional in late February. At Lakeland Florida there were about 40 cars entered for flight judging. There were several sportsman cars for display along with cars scheduled for their PV. This year our club members help judge C1, C2, C3, C4, C5 cars. I joined the C6 team to judge 2 - 2006 cars. This was the prejudging to test the team's early copy of the 2005 – 2007 judging manual. The goal is to start judging 2005 – 2007 cars after the 2023 National Convention. The weather was great each day with sunny and 85 degrees. Hope to see you at upcoming events. As a reminder check the NCRS web site for new events.

John



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Editor's Message

To All KC Chapter Members,

Hello,

This is John and my first attempt at newsletter. Neither of us have any experience at this so we are going to need help. When I say help, I mean your input and enthusiasm.

Send us your Tech articles, write up your experiences on events you attend, your achievements, your car. If you are earning judging points, tell us about your experience and how it going.

If you are getting your car flight judged or doing a performance verification or doing Sportsman or Bowtie or Road tours or

Concours tell us about it. If you have questions, ask. Maybe we can get you an answer. Send pictures. We love to see the events you go to. Give us your ideas.

NCRS is about the love of Corvettes. The thing I like most about NCRS is the willingness of it's members to share info and encourage it's members.

Cindy



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Social Director's Message

On March 26th our chapter embarked on our first social event of the year. We went back in time and boarded the bus to relive the Pendergast era and the KC gangsters. Our club President seemed very suspicious to draw the attention of Johnny Holiday.

Fun was had by all that attended. Lunch was served at the Harvey House in Union Station.

Don't miss the fun. Attend the next social event.

Patty

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New Members

We are always excited to get new members and we have two new members for 2022.

Please welcome Ken Searcy and Aaron Long.

I am looking forward to meeting Ken and hearing about his car.

Aaron and I talked at our last club meeting in February. He has a 1974 that is white w/black interior that he has had for 12 years. Currently he is working on his brake calipers and master cylinder.

I want to encourage both of you to ask any questions you might have about working on your car or events we are having.



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Let's Get Technical

C1 Valve Covers for the V8 by Jim Cianciolo

I am currently restoring two 1958 fuel injected Corvettes. One belongs to my brother John and the other belongs to me. While prepping John's engine I realized that his valve covers looked different than mine. So off I went to the NCRS Corvette Technical Information Manual and Judging Guide for some clarification. As with many things Corvette, Chevrolet made numerous changes in valve cover design throughout production of the C1.

In 1955 Chevrolet introduced the small block V8. Most 1955 Corvettes had the V8 which came with chrome plated stamped steel valve covers. In 1956 through 1962 all base engines (the lowest horse power) had stamped steel valve covers. They contained "**Chevrolet**" embossed across the top and were painted engine orange. The 1962 stamped steel cover is a different design to accommodate the new 327 ci engine. All optional horse power engines were equipped with die-cast aluminum valve covers with "**Corvette**" cast across the top. All valve covers had a water slide decal denoting the horse power rating. This decal is positioned on the out board side of the right cover.



Another big distinction between valve covers is the alignment of the bolt holes that attach the cover to the cylinder head. Early cars have staggered bolt holes but in late 1959 production, Chevrolet aligned the holes to straight across. Thus these covers are often referred to as staggered or straight aligned valve covers.

Let's Get Technical Continued



The stamped steel covers were painted while on the engine. They were bolted in place with four Philips head machine screws with special oval shaped washers. The covers used on Corvettes have steep vertical ends. Passenger car valve covers have sloped ends and are incorrect for Corvettes. There are two small steel clips spot welded on the inboard side of the left valve cover for holding the temperature sender wire from the sender to the temp gauge on the instrument panel.



The first cast aluminum covers were introduced in 1956 and used through the 1957 model year. The raw aluminum casting has a somewhat dull finish and may show some spots of discoloration or minor casting flaws. They have nine longitudinal ribs.

Let's Get Technical Continued

The center ribs do not run continuously across the cover to allow for the “**Corvette**” script in the center. The script is only about 1/32” tall, thus they are often referred as nine fin low script.

In 1958 the aluminum valve cover was redesigned with seven fins. It is assumed that this was to provide more clearance for the new Rochester fuel injection system. The inside edge of each cover was notched in two places to allow a relief for the intake manifold port clearance. The “**Corvette**” script remained at 1/32”. Therefore this cover is referred to as the seven fin low script.

The 1959 valve cover was changed again. It still had the seven fins but the **Corvette** script was made taller to about 1/8” to make the script stand out and is referred to as the seven fin high script. This is the valve covers my brother had for his car. I had the seven fin low script and that's when I referred to my TIMJG manual. I was able to purchase a nice set of correct 1958 low script covers for his car at a local swap meet.



But Chevy wasn't done yet. In late June of 1959, they changed to the straight aligned bolt hole heads and valve covers. This valve cover became the standard cover from 1960 through 1967.

Let's Get Technical Continued



Sometime in 1966, the die-casting mold was damaged and repaired. The repair would leave a casting flaw mark across the cover running through the letter “o” in the “**Corvette**” script. This valve cover should be considered as not factory correct for a C1 Corvette. Correct valve covers should be the right configuration for the car. They should not be polished or coated or painted.

I presented this information at our February chapter meeting. I hope you found this information helpful. This article is not all encompassing. There is always more information both known and still unknown. If you're restoring or judging a car always refer to the NCRS Corvette Technical Information Manual and Judging Guide for the most accurate information.

Florida Regional February 2022 Judging Meet

Pictures by Jon Shafer and John Hecker



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Kansas City Chapter 2022 NCRS Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	DESCRIPTION
April 12 Tuesday	Monthly Club Meeting	The Other Place 22730 Midland Drive Shawnee, Kansas	6 PM Dinner 7 PM Meeting	
May 10 Tuesday	Monthly Club Meeting	Grinders K.C. 417 E. 18th Street K.C., Mo.	6 PM Dinner 7 PM Meeting	
May 14 Saturday	Spring KC Judging Event	Vintage Vettes 319 E. 10th Ave. North Kansas City, Mo	8 A.M.	
June 4 Saturday	Club Picnic	Shawnee Mission Park	To Be Confirmed	
June 14 Tuesday	Monthly Club Meeting	Blue Springs Loca- tion to be deter- mined.	6 PM Dinner 7 PM Meeting	Coordinated by Charlie Dryer
July 12 Tuesday	Monthly Club Meeting	Old Shawnee Pizza 6000 Roger Rd Shawnee, Kansas	6 PM Dinner 7 PM Meeting	
July 24—28 2022	National Convention Year of the 1972	Mobile, Alabama	Mon—Thurs	Vehicle Judging & Tech Sessions
August 9 Tuesday	Monthly Club Meeting	Smokehouse BBQ 19000 E 39th ST Independence, Mo	6 PM Dinner 7 PM Meeting	
August 25— 27	Corvettes Carlisle	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	All Day	World's Largest Corvette Show & Swap Meet
September 13 Tuesday	Monthly Club Meeting	Stone Canyon Pizza 15 Main Street Parkville, MO	6 PM Dinner 7 PM Meeting	
October 11 Tuesday	Monthly Club Meeting	The Other Place 22730 Midland Drive Shawnee, Kansas	6 PM Dinner 7 PM Meeting	
Tuesday November 9	Monthly Club Meeting	Grinders K.C. 417 E. 18th Street K.C., Mo.	6 PM Dinner 7 PM Meeting	
Saturday November 12	ANNUAL Nomination Dinner	Hereford House 5001 Town Center	5:30 PM Coctails 6:45 Dinner 7:30 Door Prizes	This is THE Annual DO NOT MISS Event! Fun, Great Food & Super Friends!
November 22 Monday	2023 Club Event Planning Session	Detaille to Follow	Details to Follow	

2022 National and Regional NCRS & Corvette Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	DESCRIPTION
April 7—10	NCRS New Orleans Regional Meet	New Orleans Airport Hilton Garden Inn	Daily	Vehicle Judging & Tech Sessions
April 28—30	NCRS Indiana Regional Meet	Hampton Inn Auburn, Indiana	Daily	Vehicle Judging & Tech Sessions
May 19—22	NCRS South Carolina Regional Meet	Embassy Suites Greenville, South Carolina	Daily	Vehicle Judging & Tech Sessions
June 10—11 Fri - Sat.	Bloomington Gold Show	Illinois State University Bloomimngton, IL	Daily	Vehicle Judging & Tech Sessions Swap Meet
July 24—28 2022	National Convention Year of the 1972	Mobile, Alabama	Mon—Thurs	Vehicle Judging & Tech Sessions
August 25—27	Corvettes Carlisle	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	All Day	World's Largest Corvette Show & Swap Meet
August 18—20	NCRS Northwest Regional Meet	Redmond Oregon	Daily	Vehicle Judging & Tech Sessions
September 30—October 1 (NOT Con-firmed)	Bloomington Gold Charlotte	Charlotte, North Carolina	Daily	Vehicle Judging & Tech Sessions Swap Meet
October 20—22	NCRS Frisco, TX Regional Meet	Embassy Suites Frisco, TX	Daily	Vehicle Judging & Tech Sessions Swap Meet

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