

# Shiftin' Gears



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**The Newsletter of Central California Chapter**



*Judging an L-88 Corvette in Preparation for NCRS  
National Las Vegas*

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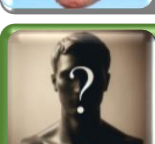
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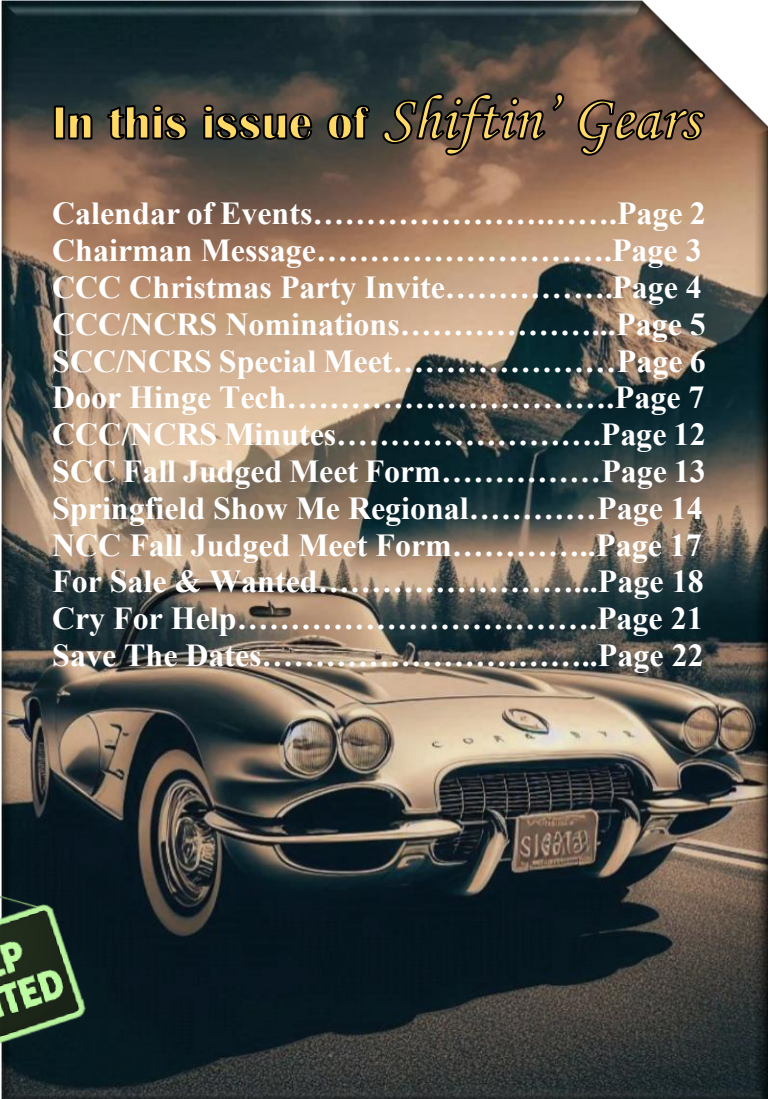


**Website Administrator - needed**  
 Someone to add content to soon to be created website



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**TOP PHOTO:**  
 A.I. DRAWING OF A CORVETTE AT THE SOUTH POINT CASINO IN LAS VEGAS.

**BOTTOM PHOTO:**  
 1969 L-88 POWERED CORVETTE JUDGED AT CORVETTE MIKE'S. WAYNE FOSS, JOHN LEGATE JUDGING. DAVE SOCOLOWSKI LOOKS ON.

# CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

	<p><b>Sept 7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> 2025</b></p>	<p><b>NCRS National Las Vegas South Point Casino and Spa</b></p>	<p><b>Register Online <a href="http://ncrs.org">ncrs.org</a></b></p>
	<p><b>Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 2025</b></p>	<p><b>NORTHERN CALIF CHAPTER Fall Judged Meet San Leandro, CA</b></p>	<p><b>Info: Mike Ingham 510-420-0968 <a href="mailto:Michael.ingham248@gmail.com">Michael.ingham248@gmail.com</a></b></p>
	<p><b>Oct 11<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Central Calif Fall Tech Session Car Clinic</b></p>	<p><b>Info: Jim Collins 805-602-2056 <a href="mailto:JimCollins.cars@gmail.com">JimCollins.cars@gmail.com</a></b></p>
	<p><b>Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 5pm</b></p>	<p><b>CCC Board Meeting <i>Via Zoom</i> <u>Membership meeting</u></b></p>	<p><b>Info: Ron 805-481-3343 All Members Welcome!</b></p>
	<p><b>Nov 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Southern Calif Fall Judged Meet 5-point, 2-day meet</b></p>	<p><b>Info: Bev LeGate 408-981-1200 Registration page 13</b></p>
	<p><b>Nov 15<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>SEASON OF HOPE TOY DRIVE SATURDAY</b></p>	<p><b>Info: Harold Davis (805) 441-9576 <a href="mailto:Harold5862@charter.net">Harold5862@charter.net</a></b></p>
	<p><b>Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 2025</b></p>	<p><b>CCC NCRS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2-5 PM Los Osos, CA</b></p>	<p><b>Info: Jim Collins 805-602-2056 <a href="mailto:JimCollins.cars@gmail.com">JimCollins.cars@gmail.com</a></b></p>



Hello my Fellow CCC/NCRS Members,

Earlier our Chapter web site "crashed" but has been recovered. It is a good reason to now create a new web site using modern software. I have contacted a web site developer and will come up with a proposal for our board of directors to consider. I would like to have the new site operating by November.

We have two chapter events coming up later this year. One is a Technical Session and the other is a Holiday Party . Look for more information in this newsletter.

I recently appointed Ron Bartow as our Judging Chairman, replacing Larry Guevara. Ron is working on our spring 2026 Judged Meet date and location.

The SoCal Chapter (SCC) is planning to conduct a Regional Meet in 2027 Sept 23-26 in San Deigo, and recently asked if our Chapter would support them. I said yes. More to follow on this event.

Need help with your restoration or repair project? Let me know and I may be able to offer a suggestion or a resource for you.

*Jim Collins*

CCC/NCRS Chairman  
[jimcollins.cars@gmail.com](mailto:jimcollins.cars@gmail.com)

The NCRS Central California Chapter will have a Technical Session at Jim Collins' shop on October 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am. The theme for the session is "Car Clinic". Bring your Corvette and share with the group some of your latest Repairs, Restoration, or Modifications that you have done. Do you have any little tips or tricks to share? Jim has 3 Corvettes in his shop and will be sharing some of the recent work projects he's been doing. Ron Bartow will be working on rebuilding a door hinge assembly. Coffee and homemade cookies will be provided. Please send Jim an email to let him know you are coming to the Tech Session.

2015 Fairchild Avenue, Los Osos, CA [JimCollins.cars@gmail.com](mailto:JimCollins.cars@gmail.com)



Jim and Ann Collins will host this year's Holiday Party on Friday, 12 December from 2 to 5 PM. Light snacks including chips, dip, cheeses, and veggies will be served along with Beer, Wine, soft drinks and water. Coffee and Tea as well. A holiday desert will be served. Jim and Ann's home is right on Morro Bay and has a great view of Morro Rock. If the weather is clear, it will be a beautiful view. Please join your fellow Corvette enthusiasts for a fun afternoon. Please RSVP to Jim Collins and he will provide you with the address and parking instructions.

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# Central California Chapter NCRS Board Nominations

Nominations for 2026 Year starting Jan 1, 2026

We are excited to announce the opening of nominations for our club's Board positions for the year 2026. Serving in a club office is a rewarding opportunity to shape future events, foster community, and uphold the legacy of classic Corvettes. All members are encouraged to submit nominations, including self-nominations, for the following positions.

- Chairman
  - Leads the club, chairs meetings, and represents the chapter at regional and national events.
- Vice Chairman
  - Assists the Chairman, stands in when necessary, and coordinates special projects.
- Newsletter Editor
  - Produces the club newsletter, solicits articles, and manages publication deadlines.
- Secretary
  - Records meeting minutes, maintains club records, and handles correspondence.
- Treasurer
  - Manages club finances, dues, and prepares financial reports.
- Judging Chairman
  - Organizes judging teams and protocols at meets, oversees training and certifications.
- Membership Chairman
  - Welcomes new members, manages the roster, and promotes club activities.
- Website Administrator
  - Maintains the club website and updates online resources.
- Chapter Awards Recorder
  - Tracks and records member participation and chapter awards, maintains achievement records.

## *How to Nominate*

- Review the position descriptions above to consider where you or a fellow member could make the greatest impact.
- Email your nomination(s) to [jimcollins.cars@gmail.com](mailto:jimcollins.cars@gmail.com) or submit them in person at the next chapter Zoom meeting.
- Please include the nominee's name, the position, and a brief statement of qualifications or reasons for your nomination.
- Nominations will be accepted until October 31, 2025.

## *Next Steps*

- After nominations close, candidates will be introduced in the club newsletter and at the November meeting.
- Elections will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> during the CCC Zoom meeting where all members are welcome to attend.
- All current members are eligible to vote.

## *Questions?*

For further information about the nomination process or position responsibilities, please contact Jim Collins, Chairman, at [jimcollins.cars@gmail.com](mailto:jimcollins.cars@gmail.com).

**Let's keep our club strong, active, and passionate—nominate today!**

# Southern Cal Chapter Holds a Special Judged Meet June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

To help a long time NCRS member, supporter, and host, the Southern California Chapter called on NCRS members from across NCRS Region 9. Judges and Tabulators came from California and Arizona to help judge one special car that needed to have a Chapter level judging prerequisite before being able to register for the upcoming National Convention in Las Vegas. This was done for Mike Vietro, who has helped sponsor many NCRS events at all levels. Mike has an extremely rare 1969 Corvette with the legendary L-88 engine.



The L-88 unveiling awaits

hide the fact that this engine was a race worthy engine, it was advertised as 430 horsepower for \$1,032.15. At that same time there was another engine choice called the L-71 that advertised 435 horsepower and was only \$437.10. While the L-88 did make the Chevrolet advertised 430 hp, it wasn't the actual peak horsepower that engine made. The actual horsepower was closer to 565hp. The L-88 option stopped the purchaser from selecting a radio as well. These little tricks were enough to keep most people from ordering this L-88 option. As such only 116 folks checked

In case you aren't familiar, the L-88 engine was a factory racing engine available at a time when the factory did not publicly support racing programs. To



The Tabulators

for the judging on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> for the eager judges and spectators. After the judges had gone over this rare Corvette with a fine-tooth comb, and the tabulators double checked the judge's work, Mike Vietro had achieved a Top Flight Award and met the requirement to register this Corvette for the Las Vegas NCRS National Meet. If you've registered for the National Convention, you will be able to see this and many other rare and beautiful Corvettes in person.

that box in 1969. This particular car was also equipped with an *automatic* transmission. Quite unusual for the day.

Mike Vietro opened up his shop (Corvette Mike's in Anaheim)



Top Flight. Congratulations Mike

# 1963-67 Door Hinge Rebuilding

NCRS# 33467 Ron Bartow

TECH ARTICLE

If you have tried adjusting your doors, only to find it hasn't helped them close as smoothly as you had hoped, you may find the culprit is a sloppy hinge. All the skills in the world won't help adjust your door if the hinge has an up and down movement. Hinges mustn't move up and down, only swing in and out.

If all your bolts holding the hinge to the door, and the bolts holding the hinge to the jamb are tight, you shouldn't be able to lift on the back edge of your door and feel it moving (or clunking) up and down. If it does, the culprit is the hinge itself.

Removing a hinge involves taking out 10 bolts for each hinge, and more than that to dig down to the hinges. Your shop manual will help guide this step.

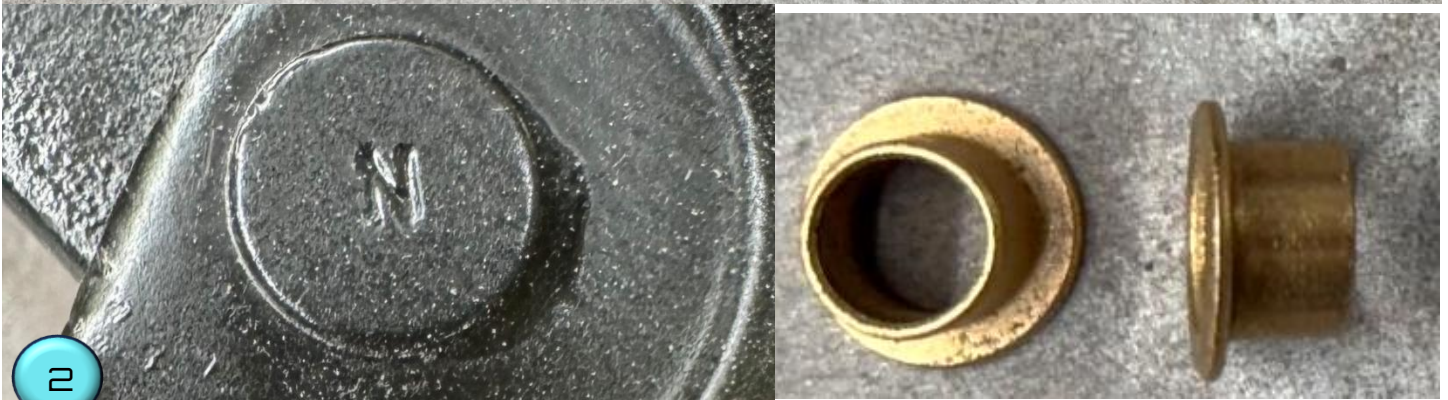
To restore the smooth and solid hinge operation, there are only a few straight forward steps to take. Here are those steps, presented with photos to simplify your project.

Let's make life easier. Place a piece of tape on the top side of both halves. You'll be glad you did this during reassembly.

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The original hinge pins had headmarks. Keep in mind that these pins are steel, and the bushings are brass. The brass will wear out before the steel. You can likely reuse your original pins if you wish to keep the original headmark. You won't be able to read or see those headmarks when the hinge is installed in the hinge pocket of your Corvette.



You could use a club or a rock, or a regular hammer, or the easiest and quickest tool is an air hammer with this **flat tip**. This is used on the pointy end of the pin to pop it out of the hinge assembly.



This knurling near the head of your hinge pin is what holds it in place. Just a few very short bursts with the air hammer will move this pin enough to free it from your hinge.



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Once you knock the pin out of the hinge, you will either use the pin in the rebuild kit, or this original. If you wish to use the original, we need to clean it up a little so it moves smoothly when reinstalled.

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Placing the pin in a variable speed drill, hold some steel wool against the pin while it spins at a moderate speed. It won't take long to be vastly improved.



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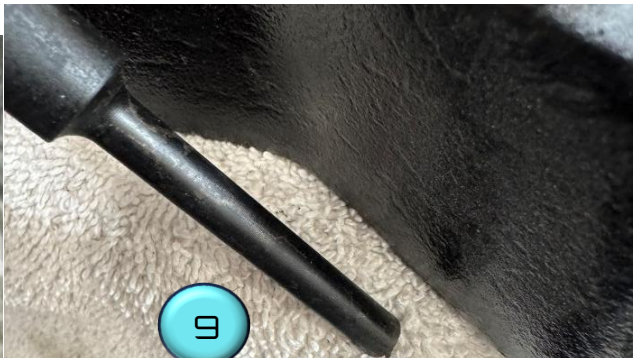
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With the pin in the drill, you'll need to flip the pin around to get the full contact area cleaned up. Then a liberal amount of grease like wheel bearing grease will keep the hinge moving smoothly and silently. Nobody likes a squeaky, creaking door.



Now we move on to the task of removing those worn-out brass bushings from our hinge. Armed with a flat tipped punch and a light hammer, we'll need to reach through the bearing to push the other bushing out from behind.

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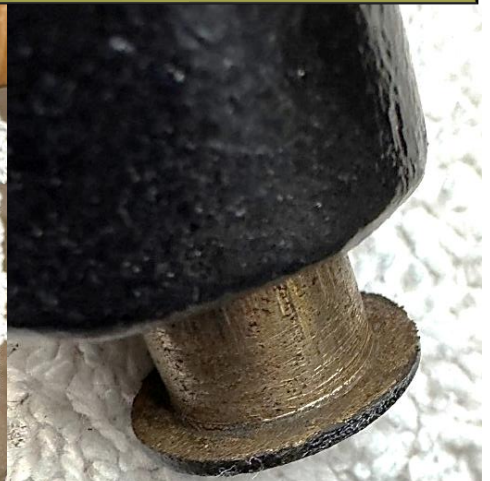


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An example of the punch is shown above. Nothing large is necessary. There is a possibility that the bushing has corroded to the inside of the hinge. If this is the case, a drill bit just larger than the inside diameter of your troublesome bushing will help persuade it to leave. A second, slightly larger bit may be needed if even more persuasion is necessary.

On the right we see the punch reaching through the hinge to tap out the other bushing from behind. Farther right shows that bushing popping out just as easy as it should be but isn't always the case.

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With the old bushings removed, we'll need to clean the inside of the hinge. We only need to clean the area where the new bushings will be inserted.

A small piece of 320 grit sandpaper rolled up will do the trick.

Insert in the hinge pin's hole and just twist and sand up and down for a bit.

Just like cleaning the pin, it won't take too long to clean up this hole. If the sandpaper is longer than the pin, it's easier to sand the interior surface since you can move the sandpaper from both sides at once.

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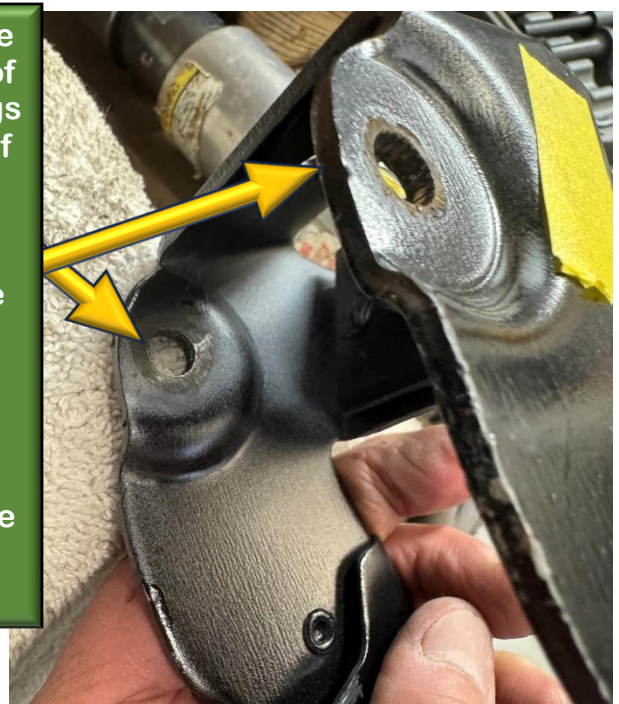
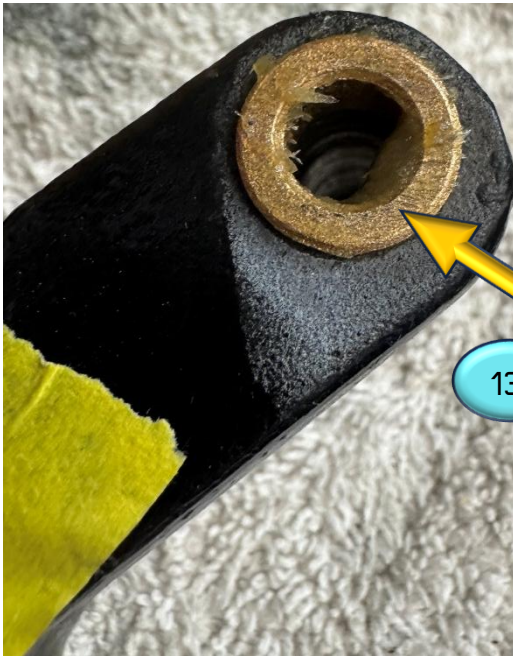
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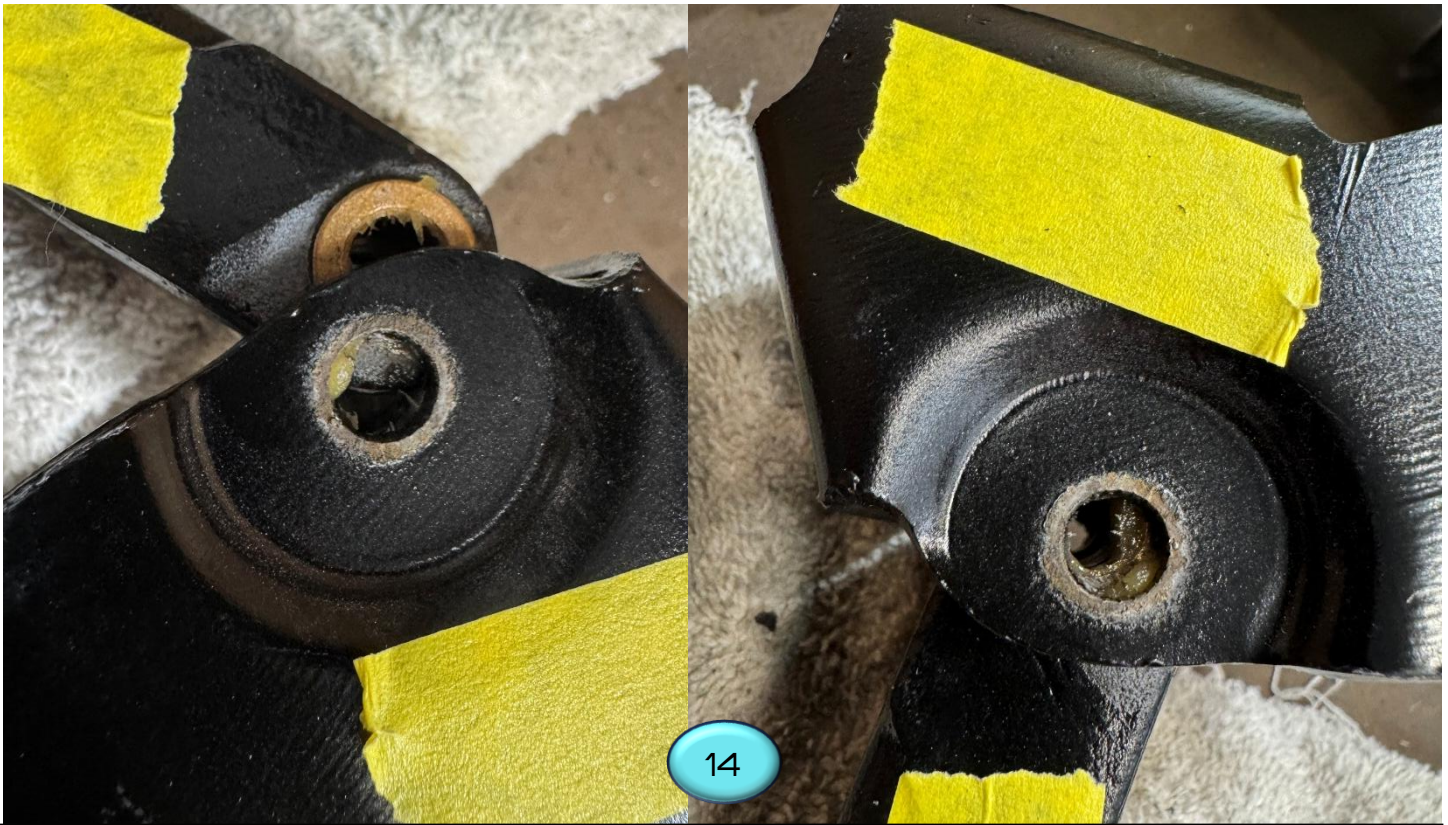
Our first step to reassembly, installing our new brass bushings. Set the bushing in the edge of the hole and gently tap it in with a light hammer. As you tap it in listen to the sound. When you reach the fully inserted position you will hear a more distinctive "Clink". Three light taps with this clink sound is all you'll need. That process repeats now for each of your remaining brass bushings.



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Time to apply some grease to the **top** of both brass bushings and to the **inside** of the hinge housing where these bushings will be rubbing. Next, we will fit these two pieces back together being mindful of both **taped** sides showing. That tape is such a good reminder.





Lining up the holes so we can put the greased hinge pin back in place is next. It doesn't matter what angle you need to place the two halves together to line it up. Just be sure that both halves show the tape on the same side! That is what matters.



When you have the holes lined up fairly close, gently tap in the greased hinge pin with a light hammer. Above: once the knurled area of the pin has reached the edge of the hinge assembly, it's time for a couple short bursts with the air hammer. This will seat the hinge pin as you see on the right photo. Your hinge rebuild is now complete.

**Just a quick tip on installation:** Fold your restored hinge to the point where the arm is just holding over those spring steel door clips. It will be easier to manipulate the hinge assembly into the hinge pocket in this position.



# CCC/NCRS Minutes

Monday April 28, 2025

5:00 pm via Zoom



Board Members (X indicates present)					
Chairman	Jim Collins	X	Membership Chair	Craig Landen	X
Vice-Chairman	Omar Aviles	X	Webmaster	Wendel Hans	
Judging Chairman	Larry Guevara	X	Newsletter Editor	Ron Bartow	X
Judging Administrator	Bruce Fosdike	X	Treasurer, Secretary, Chapter Awards	Beth Bartow	X

**1. Welcome / Introductions:** Board Members present indicated by X on the meeting minutes. Additional Guest List: Jerry Carnahan who owns 65 Roadster. Meeting called to order at 5:06 PM.

**2. Approval of 2/6/2025 Membership meeting minutes:** Motion by Jim Collins to approve 2/6/2025 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Guevara. All say aye. Minutes approved.

**3. Chairman's Report:** Our planning for the Central Coast Chapter Judged Meet in Buellton on 16/17 May is going well. We are also planning to have a NCRS display as part of the Morro Bay Car show to highlight the benefits of NCRS and NCRS membership. What else can our chapter do for our members that will increase their interest and involvement in Corvettes? A big component of the purpose of NCRS is education. Education about Corvettes, restorations, repairs, upgrades, driving and performance. Perhaps our Chapter needs to have one or more educational seminars each year? Is there interest in doing that? Something we need to talk about. Tech Session could possibly be held at Jim Collins Shop.

**4. Vice-Chairman's Report:** Vice-Chairman Omar Aviles states that he will be bringing 2 cars to the Morro Bay Car Show for CCC NCRS Display. Omar will also be bringing his judging books and Judging sheets to share with attendees.

**5. Judging Administrator Report:** Judging Administrator Bruce Fosdike states presently CCC Spring Meet has two cars signed up for Flight Judging that includes a 1965 and 1978. 30 attendees which include 13 Judges and 4 tabulators are signed up for the Judged Meet. Dwelle has two midyears he is interested in having judged but has not registered yet. The topic for Judging School at the Spring meet will be on Broach Marks and Stamp Pads. Bruce reminded Ron and Beth to bring projection screen frame extension, chapter banner, and extra lap top computer to help with his Judging School.

**6. Judging Chairman Report:** Judging Chairman Larry Guevara states that he spoke with an NCRS member Jim Garcia and that would like to have his car judged at the CCC Spring meet and that this member will be registering his 1971-LT1 for the event.

**7. Secretary/Treasurer / Records recording:** Secretary Beth Bartow will continue making minutes, agendas for the CCC Board Meetings. Treasurer: CCC Checking account holds a balance of \$7775.16. Since our last Board Meeting, CCC holds a few Membership incomes in our PayPal account along with our income from our Spring judged Meet. Once our Judged meet has occurred the PayPal account will be transferred to our checking account. Outgoing expenses this quarter included \$77.50 to Ronald Bartow for purchasing Judging certificates and \$500 to NCRS National for Volunteer Lunches at Las Vegas National Convention. Records Recording: Chapter Awards program for 2025 was submitted for the 1st quarter. Facebook: Beth sent up an event for our Spring Meet and will invite CCC members to our Facebook page.

**8. Membership Chairman:** Membership Chairman Craig Landen reports that CCC has 69 family members with a new member. Craig has sent the Board his latest roster.

**9. Newsletter Editor:** Newsletter Editor Ron Bartow reminds CCC members that the quarterly newsletter is coming up and submissions need to be into Ron Bartow by May 15, 2025. CCC Summer Newsletter will go out to members by June 1, 2025 and will include articles regarding CCC NCRS Display and CCC Spring Judged Meet.

**10. Webmaster:** Webmaster Wendel Hans updates the CCC web page and has attached CCC Newsletters. Facebook has video to meet Chapter Award guidelines. Wendel could not be present.

**11. Activities and Event Planning:** 2025 Events include: Harold Davis plans many road tours during the year and charity Toy Drive in November. Harold also helps with the May 3 Morro Bay Car Show with NCRS Display at Non-NCRS event. CCC Spring Judged Meet date of May 16 & 17 with Judging School. Left to plan for 2025 include a technical seminar, membership meeting and voting on a charity for donation. Beth was asked to find out if the following charities could meet the NCRS matching funds: Womans's Shelter, California Fire Victims, Tunnels for Towers, MS. Fall Meet, If CCC decides to host one, will need to be planned ASAP.

**12. New Business:** CCC Planning of a Christmas Holiday Party for 2025. Bruce would like to initiate a discussion about low car registrations and membership participation.

**13. Meeting Adjourned:** The dates for 2025 Board Meetings will be: 8/7, 11/6 via Zoom at 5:00 pm. (Happy Hour)

created by CCC Secretary Beth Bartow



# NCRS 2025 FALL FLIGHT JUDGED MEET

Hosted by Kent Browning "The Kent Browning Collection"

**TWO-DAY FIVE-POINT Event Friday & Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

All Registration and Judging Events will be at The Kent Browning Collection  
16625 Norwalk Blvd. Cerritos CA 90703

Event & Judging Questions: Beverly LeGate, Chair & John LeGate Judging Chair 408-981-1200

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>!**

**REGISTRATION FRIDAY 2PM - OPS CHECK 3PM - JUDGING SCHOOL Bob Grauer Presents "Interior & Matrix" 5-6PM**

**Followed By No Host Dinner TBA # YES 6:30PM**

**Fees: ONLINE REGISTRATION PREFERRED!**

Registration Members **\$25.00 (INCLUDES SPOUSE & children under 23 yrs.)** After October 21<sup>th</sup>, \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests 1/2 of members registration: Per guest **\$13.00 NON-NCRS MEMBER** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Flight Judging **\$95.00 OWNERS MUST BE PRESENT BOTH DAYS (instructions to follow)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Concours **\$50.00 [ ] Stock OR [ ] Modified** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sportsman **\$5.00 No Ribbon - \$15.00 With Ribbon** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Display (DUNTOV, MCLELLAN, HILL, CROSSED FLAGS, ETC.) **FREE** \$ N/A

**No Cancellation Refunds After October 21, 2025 Registration Closes November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025** TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to SCC/NCRS and Mail registration form and fees to:

**Beverly LeGate** PO Box 2739 Ramona, CA 92065 408.981.1200 [beverlylegate@yahoo.com](mailto:beverlylegate@yahoo.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ NON-NCRS Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact Phone Home/Work or Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ **NCRS National Membership #:** \_\_\_\_\_

The following information will be used on your judging summary sheet if you are having a car judged. Please enter the following car for [ ] Flight Judging 53-2007, ( ) Sportsman ( ) Display DUNTOV, MCLELLAN, HILL ETC. \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ VIN \_\_\_\_\_

Horsepower \_\_\_\_\_ Exterior Color \_\_\_\_\_ Body Cove Color \_\_\_\_\_ Trim/Interior Color & Fabric \_\_\_\_\_ **Horsepower, Exterior Color, Trim Color and Fabric entries are mandatory for all vehicles. In addition, 1963 through 2007 vehicles must include all numbers and characters from the Trim Tag or Service Parts Identification Label with respect to Build Date, Paint Code, and Trim Code plus Body Number for 1963 through 1967 vehicles.**

Body Build Date Code \_\_\_\_\_ Paint Code \_\_\_\_\_ Trim Code \_\_\_\_\_ Body No. \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Conv [ ] Coupe [ ] Corvette Driven, [ ] Corvette Trailered, [ ] Need trailer parking? Miles Driven \_\_\_\_\_

**Proof of current Registration and Insurance Required. SEND COPIES OR UPLOAD ON THE NATIONAL NCRS WEBSITE REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.**

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in Judging ( ) Tabulator ( ) Interested in C1 ( ) C2 ( ) C3 ( ) C4 ( ) C5 ( ) C6 ( ) **Circle 3 OPS. INT. EXT. MECH. OR CHASSIS**

**HOTEL: Best Western 10902 Firestone Blvd. Norwalk CA 90650 Group Name: NCRS Tele: 562-929-8831**

**\$104.99 1 King- \$114.99 2 Queen Plus Tax Block Held Until 11/4/25 72 Hour Cancellation Block Ends 9/30/25**

**Free Breakfast, WiFi, and Parking** <https://www.ncrs.org> LINK

HOLD HARMLESS: Anyone attending this event, whether you bring a Corvette or not, must register and sign the following Hold Harmless Agreement. Anyone bringing a Corvette, whether to be judged or not, must read and sign the following Hold Harmless Agreement. Proof of registration and in-force insurance must be provided, most preferably in advance with your registration application, or at the Meet Registration Desk when you check in, BEFORE the car can be Operations Checked and / or placed in its final location. HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT I AGREE to insure my vehicle and property against loss, damage, and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at time of registration. I AGREE to assume risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees, Chapters and event workers for any acts or omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others occurring during, or as a consequence of this event, wherever located. I AGREE to abide by the NCRS Policy on Drugs and Alcohol. The use of illegal drugs is prohibited by anyone attending an NCRS event. The use of alcohol is prohibited by anyone participating in an NCRS event (includes while on the judging field, participating in driving tests and/or road tours), except during social events.

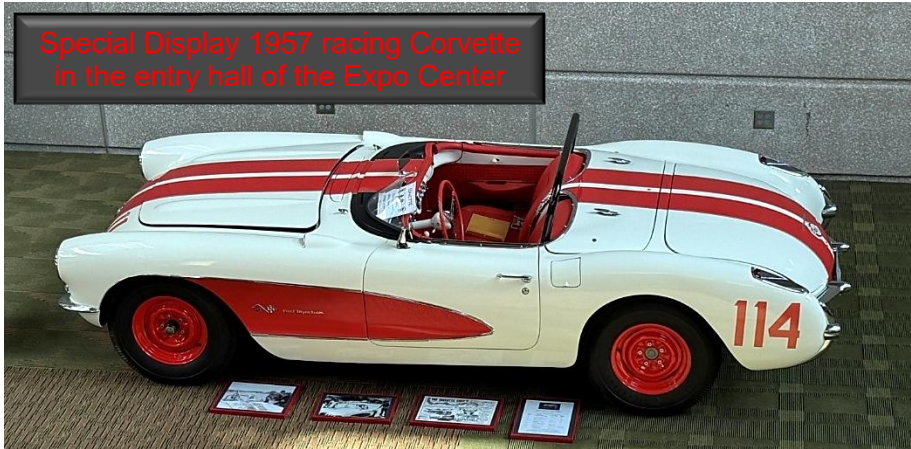
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# Springfield Missouri Show Me Regional Exposition Center

635 EAST ST. LOUIS

Ron Barlow

One of the great things about NCRS is the fact that you can participate in *any* chapter's events with just your National NCRS membership. Having chapter membership certainly helps you keep up with the latest goings on in your neck of the woods. But the NCRS world is your oyster when it comes to meets. Just keep an eye out online, or in the NCRS Driveline for upcoming happenings, when and where.



Special Display 1957 racing Corvette in the entry hall of the Expo Center

It so happens that I have a cousin that lives in the north end of Missouri near the capital (which you all remember from your school days as Jefferson City, right?) My wife and I visited both he and his wife last year around Thanksgiving

and had a wonderful time. As I was glancing through the NCRS Driveline I saw the Springfield, Missouri Show Me Regional Meet on July 16-19<sup>th</sup> and asked my wife if she would like to go to Missouri for the NCRS meet and then visit my cousin. She enthusiastically answered, "Yes!" So, the plan was made and confirmed with my relatives on that end.



Above: One of six factory-built competition Corvettes with the eye on racing at Sebring. Note the brake cooling ducts behind the door.



The display and judging field was filled with vendors and 1953-2025 Corvettes

The thing that surprised me when we arrived was how many people we not only knew from our visits to the National conventions over the years, but also how many people from our Central California Chapter were there in attendance. (To name a few; John & Sophie Tidwell, Bruce Fosdike, Allen Morris)



Another pleasant surprise was to see former Corvette Chief Engineer Dave Hill and his wife Karen showing up *with a 2006 Corvette* that they wished to have judged! They were trying to meet the criteria to achieve a Dave Hill award. I *really* want to see him accepting his “Me” award at the National Convention in Las Vegas. The turnout for members and Corvettes was quite impressive.







I believe it was somewhere around 200 families and just shy of 80 Corvettes! I had the pleasure of being asked to judge interiors on 1958-60 Corvettes with CCC member John Tidwell. My wife and I both helped the first day with registration. My wife Beth was enlisted to tabulate (which she loves) on two of the days.

At an NCRS National Meet there are a couple days that the judging field with all those beautiful examples of classic Corvettes is open to the public for viewing.

A nominal fee is then charged, that counts as a donation to the NCRS Foundation (a college scholarship program) and this provides an entrance wristband. Public viewing is also not an uncommon practice for NCRS Regional meets. My



1958 Corvette that caught someone's eye

cousin (not NCRS member) was able to make it down to Springfield and got his chance to see the judging field with his wristband. I had some free time and was able to show him the evolution of the Corvette in real life with the impressive collection that was on display. Starting with not one, but two 1953 Corvettes. There were even two new 2025 Corvettes displayed by a local Chevrolet dealership. My cousin fell in love with a white 1958 with

red interior, and a Fawn Beige 1961 Corvette that was driven to the meet as a Sportsman display. He also liked the brand-new Corvette. We may have hooked another one into this love affair with Corvettes.

This regional was a joint effort from the Kansas City and St. Louis chapters. It was the first time in many years that they put on a Regional Meet. It went so well they are planning another in April 2026. Keep your eyes open for the dates of this, or any other NCRS meets around the country, or the world. Your membership with NCRS entitles you to take part. New Zealand, maybe? That could be fun!



# NCRS Northern California Chapter Fall Judging Meet Registration

Saturday, October 4, 2025

You are all invited to attend NCC's Fall Chapter Judging Meet to be held at Bob Grauer's place of business, 753 Montague Street, San Leandro, CA 94577. For those of you coming from out of town, the nearest hotel is the Marina Inn located at 68 Monarch Bay Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577. They can be reached at 1-510-895-1311

## General Meet Information

Sharyl Ingham 510-420-0968 [sharylingham@gmail.com](mailto:sharylingham@gmail.com)

## Judging Information

Mike Ingham 510-420-0968 [michael.ingham248@gmail.com](mailto:michael.ingham248@gmail.com)

## Event Schedule – Saturday, 10/4

Registration: 7:00 am – 8:00 am (coffee & donuts)

All Cars in Place: 8:30 am

Flight Judging: 9:00 am until completion

NCRS Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Companion: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-NCRS Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Register online at <http://www.ncrs.org/services/coming-events.php> starting August 1 and save \$10.**

## Event Registration

\_\_\_\_ Family Registration Fee (required for all registrants)

**\$50**

\_\_\_\_ Guest Fee (non-NCRS member)

@\$10 Each

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**IN ORDER TO PROVIDE QUALITY JUDGING, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CARS JUDGED. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO CARS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN JUDGED BEFORE, AND IN ORDER OF DATE REGISTRATION WAS RECEIVED**

**Cutoff date: September 27, 2025**

CORVETTE REGISTRATION (One Registration form per car) (Circle ONE) Driven / Trailered

Year \_\_\_\_\_ CID/HP \_\_\_\_\_ Coupe \_\_\_\_\_ Convertible \_\_\_\_\_ Complete VIN \_\_\_\_\_

Ext. Color \_\_\_\_\_ Int. Color \_\_\_\_\_ Material (Circle ONE) Cloth / Vinyl / Leather

**For C2 & Newer** Body Build Date \_\_\_\_\_ Body # \_\_\_\_\_ Paint Code \_\_\_\_\_ Trim Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Corvette registrations must include a copy of current DMV registration or title, plus a copy of current insurance certificate.**

\_\_\_\_ Family Registration Fee (required for all registrants)

@\$50

\$50

\_\_\_\_ Flight Judging Entry

@\$150

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Sportsman Entry

@\$40

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Special Display Bowtie – Crossed Flags - Duntov - McLellan – Hill – Wallace - American Heritage (circle one)

FREE

**Note: All registrants must pay family registration fee.**

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make check payable to: NCC/NCRS** and send completed application to:

Sharyl Ingham, 6047 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618 510-420-0968 [sharylingham@gmail.com](mailto:sharylingham@gmail.com)

**No refunds after September 27, 2025**

JUDGING/TABULATION PARTICIPATION (Check if needed:  Please see reverse side for second judge/tab participant information.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Judging/Tabbing Level \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to judge: 53-62 \_\_\_ 63-67 \_\_\_ 68-82 \_\_\_ 84-96 \_\_\_ 97-04 \_\_\_ 05-07 \_\_\_ I would like to tabulate: \_\_\_

Chassis \_\_\_ Exterior \_\_\_ Interior \_\_\_ Mechanical \_\_\_ Operations \_\_\_

Anyone attending this event, whether you bring a Corvette or not, must register and sign the following Hold Harmless Agreement. Anyone bringing a Corvette, whether to be judged or not, must read and sign the following Hold Harmless Agreement. Proof of registration and in-force insurance must be provided at the Meet Registration Desk when you check in, BEFORE the car can be Operations Checked and / or placed in its final location. **HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I **AGREE** to insure my vehicle and property against loss, damage and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at time of registration. I **AGREE** to assume risk of any and all damage or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, it's officers, directors, agents, employees, chapters and meet workers for any acts or omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others occurring during, or as a consequence of this event, wherever located. I **AGREE** to abide by the NCRS Policy on Drugs and Alcohol (revised 2006). The use of drugs or alcohol by anyone attending an NCRS event including NCRS members, family members, guests, and vendors is prohibited while participating in any judging meets, driving tests and/or road tours.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# FOR \$ale & Wanted

**1962 Corvette** Original #'s matching 327ci engine, base motor 250hp. Powerglide automatic transmission. Roman Red, Black interior. Electric adjustable power steering added under the dash. Dual reservoir master cylinder and power brake booster. Front disc brake conversion. Hardtop, & freshly restored soft top frame, now covered with high end fabric material and installed in the car. The car is very presentable and is easier and safer to drive with these easily reversible updates. **Asking \$72K Omar 805-459-0062**



## The following parts Available NOW

**C3 Corvette** Parts for sale: 4 – Rare optional P02 spoke Wheel covers Good Condition; T-Top Coupe removable rear window storage shelf; Fan Blade for A/C application; Stereo Radio 1973 - not working.

**C2 Corvette** Parts for sale: Many original suspension parts; Rear exhaust filler panel 64/65/66; Fuel line new for 65; Brake lines new for 65 with Power brakes; 396 radiator core support; Heater assembly with new core and blower motor. Auto Twirler rotisserie with rails for a C2 Corvette: sell or rent out.

Contact **Jim Collins** (805) 602 2056 [jimcollins.cars@gmail.com](mailto:jimcollins.cars@gmail.com)

**Please contact me by phone or text (760) 608 7171. Bryan Hill NCRS member # 98 for any of the following parts listed below.**

A pair of C2 rear bumpers *with* brackets. These are original, never bent, damaged or rusted rear bumpers that were rechromed by AC Plating in Bakersfield years ago. They were done to a very high standard, and I examined them after they were stripped and heavy copper plated. They looked very good and approved them for final plating. Sale price with both bumpers, brackets, and *FREE* delivery to the Central Coast on my next trip is \$1000.





NOS '62 only driver side front fiberglass panel. Part # 3824567. Corvette Central's (C/C) reproduction price is \$599, Make offer.



NOS pair of '61/2 lower rear panels. Part #s 3773951&2. C/C price is \$329 ea. Make offer.



NOS pair of '63 to 7 lower front panels. Part #s 3831929&30. C/C reproduction price is \$278 ea. best offer for any or all, I will deliver to Central Coast.



One pair of NOS and absolutely perfect '56/7 tail lights. Still in original yellow and black boxes. These are not bloms as became the case later on with many dealer orders for out-of-production parts. \$900 for the pair including delivery. C/C wants about the same price plus shipping and tax.



One single NOS '56/7 vertical front bumper \$125. C/C catalog says \$279 a pair.



One pair of used but fairly nice '65 bright blue coupe door panels. Driver side door lock hole has small crack. All bright work is un damaged and the window fuzzies are good. \$125 for the pair.

One '64/5 glove box door, frame, hinge and replacement fascia. Door is good, just paint scratches. \$200.

One pair of '65/6 seat backs. No dents or tears, good vents and stainless trim. Dye them to match your interior. \$50 for the pair. I have a lot of stuff for C1 and 2. Huge amount of stainless NOS trim for '56/7. Lots of NOS smaller items

# A cry for help

Our Central California Chapter was started in 2005 when a small group of 28 people met for the what would be the first gathering of the Central California Chapter of NCRS. Many steps had been taken to get to that point. Many more steps had to be accomplished to actually make this chapter a reality. In that small group, 6 individuals stepped up to volunteer to work for this new fledgling chapter. That was a very respectable 21% effort.

As the years continued and our chapter grew, people came and some left. Some, not by choice. But the volunteers have always been the backbone of our chapter. It's interesting to note that as our chapter has grown to nearly 70 families, we still have 6 individuals volunteering to work for the group. That is now just over 8% of people helping to make this chapter special for everyone. Of those six people volunteering, several are holding down more than one job. There is one person that has been continuously volunteering for the entire twenty years. This brings to mind a bit of history. As Winston Churchill stated, "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it." With that in mind, I think this would be a good time to visit a short historical view on a governmental system that may cause us to draw some parallels to our own club.

Communism, conceived as a system where all people would benefit equally from the fruits of collective labor, has repeatedly fallen short of its utopian promises. A central issue lies in its approach to reward and motivation: when individuals receive equal compensation regardless of effort or productivity, the incentive to work diligently diminishes over time. Hard-working members of society gradually lose



motivation, seeing that their extra labor yields no additional benefit, while less industrious individuals continue to receive the same rewards. This dynamic leads to a decline in overall productivity and innovation, undermining the very foundation of communal prosperity. Ultimately, the lack of differentiation in recognition and reward erodes the drive for excellence, causing the system to stagnate and fail to deliver on its idealistic visions.

Is that a little too harsh? Maybe. But we can certainly see that we have enough members to help make this chapter the envy of many. Collectively, we have a lot of talent. Much of it is still untapped and as such our chapter languishes with the few doing so much for so many.

There is a *Nomination Page* in this newsletter. Whatever skills

you may or may not have, we need considerably more help than we currently have at our disposal. Please more than consider helping out with your chapter. Our volunteers are everything. Don't wait until they are nothing.

***Save the Date***  
***November 15, 2025***

***Season of Hope Toy Drive***

***Contact Harold Davis***  
***(805) 441-9576***



***Save the Date***  
***December 12,***  
***2025***

***CCC Christmas Party***

***To RSVP, or More***  
***information***

***Email Jim***

***[JimCollins.car@gmail.com](mailto:JimCollins.car@gmail.com)***



***Save the Dates April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2026***

***Central California***  
***Chapter***

***Spring Judged Meet***

***You have 7 and a half months of head's up!***

***No excuses!***



*A.I. CORVETTE IN VEGAS*  
SEE YOU IN 2025 LAS VEGAS NAT'L 9.7-11.25  
ARTWORK CREATED BY RON BARTOW

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