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On the front cover:  
 Classic Corvette Christmas scene  
 Created with A.I. by Ron Bartow



# CCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2024 & 2025



**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>  
2025**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY  
GARAGE TOUR  
THE DISTANT FUTURE - 2025**



**Just Show up  
before 9am  
OSH parking lot  
Pismo**



**Feb 6<sup>th</sup>  
5pm**

**CCC Board Meeting  
*Zoom*  
meeting**



**Info: Ron  
805-481-3343  
All Members  
Welcome!**



**March  
28<sup>th</sup> -  
29<sup>th</sup>**

**Southern Cal NCRS  
Judged Meet  
Cathedral City  
Jessup Auto Plaza**

**Info:  
Bev LeGate  
408-981-1200  
Registration page 8**



**April  
11<sup>th</sup> -  
12<sup>th</sup>**

**Northern Cal NCRS  
Judged Meet  
Los Gatos Lodge**

**Info:  
Mike Ingham  
510-420-0568  
Registration page 7**



**May 1<sup>st</sup>  
5pm**

**CCC Board Meeting  
*Zoom*  
meeting**



**Info: Ron  
805-481-3343  
All Members  
Welcome!**



**May  
3<sup>rd</sup>  
2025**

**NCRS Display  
At a non-NCRS Event  
Morro Bay  
Car Show**

**Info:  
Harold Davis  
805-772-6795  
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**May  
16<sup>th</sup> -  
17<sup>th</sup>  
2025**

**CCC NCRS Spring  
Judged Meet  
Buellton, CA**



**Info:  
Larry Guevara  
805-701-6442  
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# *Jim Collins*

## NCRS Chairman

### Central California Chapter

*Hello fellow CCC NCRS Members,*

As 2024 comes to a close, our Chapter is on track to achieve another NCRS Top Flight



**(L) Chairman Jim, Vice Chair Omar (R)  
Auto Classic at Trilogy**

Chapter designation. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped organize events and activities to make this possible. This achievement is a yearly goal for our chapter, and I'm pleased we met the requirements once again, proving we are a functioning and viable NCRS Chapter. All of our



2024 Board Members have agreed to continue into 2025, but we still have room and the need for two more board members.

Our membership remains steady in the high 60s. Many of our members do not regularly participate in our activities, including our many cruises. However, our chapter offers all members the opportunity to associate with the other Corvette enthusiasts who are eager to share their knowledge and facilitate access to the vast treasure of educational information that NCRS provides. It seems there's always something new to learn about a Corvette!



Looking ahead to 2025, we have a Judged Meet in Buellton, CA on May 16-17. Additionally, the 2025 NCRS National Convention will be held in Las Vegas in September. Please consider attending and supporting both the chapter meet, and the NCRS National Convention.



Your ideas for chapter activities are always welcome. Let me know your thoughts. Harold Davis has another year full of enjoyable road trips planned for Corvettes, and I hope to see you on one of them.

If anyone has ideas for events, please let me know: [jimcollins.cars@gmail.com](mailto:jimcollins.cars@gmail.com)

*Jim Collins*  
CCC/NCRS Chairman



# Auto Classic at Trilogy

A Charitable Car Show held September 22, 2024

*A word from one of the key organizers of the Auto Classic at Trilogy, our own CCC member Brent Norris.*

**CCC member Brent Norris brought his beautiful 1954 Bel Air, along with his extremely original 1954 Corvette seen on the back cover of this issue.**



I want to thank our members for their support of our Auto Classic at Trilogy car show.

As you know the entire net proceeds are donated to our local charities, and this year we will surpass *all* previous years. We hope you enjoyed our effort to produce a quality and fun experience. **-Brent Norris**

*The following account of the show told from the perspective of our CCC Vice Chairman, Omar Aviles:*

My daughter Annette Aviles and I left the house at 8:10 AM on a cloudy and damp Saturday morning, aiming to check in by 8:30 AM. Annette was behind the wheel of my Roman Red 1962 Corvette, featuring a 327ci, 250hp engine with Powerglide and a removable hardtop. I drove my 1971 Mille Miglia Red (Italian for "1000 miles," referencing an annual Italian race that ran from 1927-57) convertible Corvette, equipped with a 454ci, 365hp, 4-speed manual transmission and a white soft top.

We arrived right on time at 8:30 and were directed to our assigned parking spots. After parking both cars and setting up six chairs, we waited for the rest of my supportive family: Annette's husband, along with my oldest granddaughter, her sister and her husband, as well as my twin great-grandchildren.

**CCC member Omar Aviles brought his beautiful 1971, along with his gorgeous 1962**

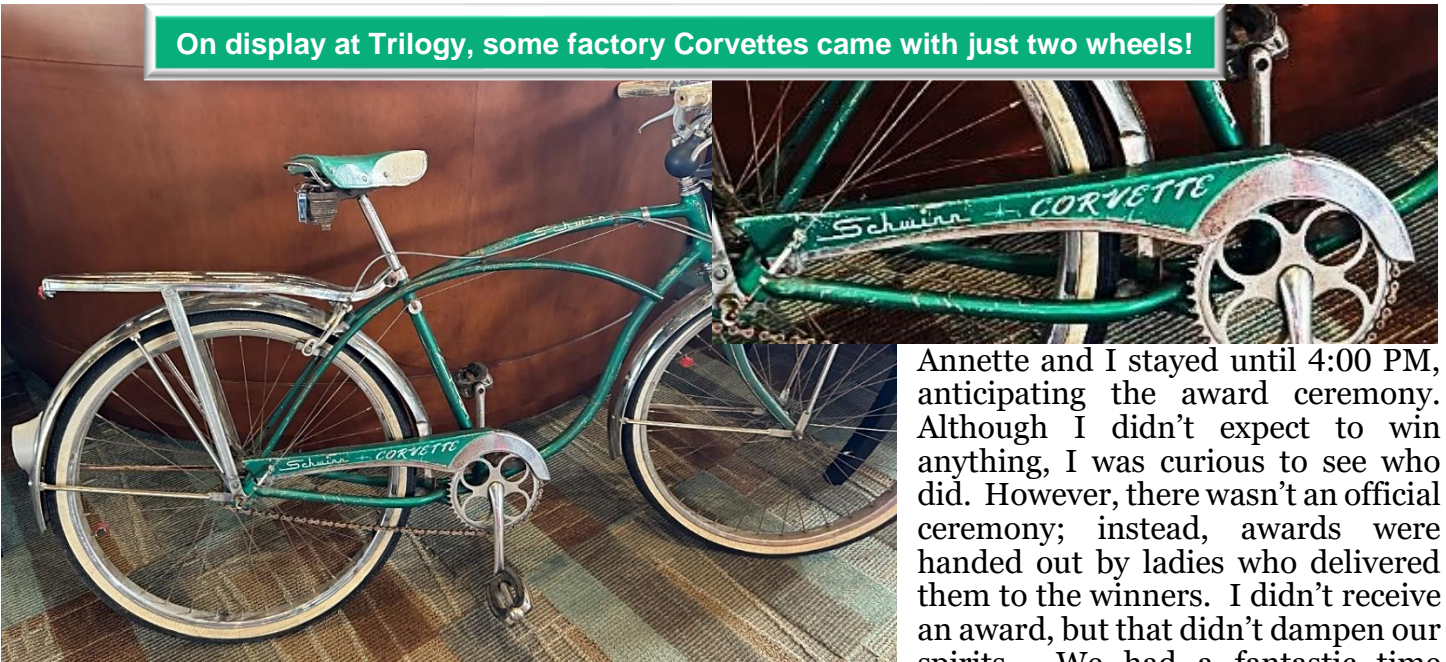


Having my family there for our first car show was a true joy. The 1962 Corvette drew a lot of attention, particularly from the ladies, while the 1971 Corvette, with its 454 numbers on the hood, attracted the men eager to see the "big block" engine.

The Automotive Classic was a resounding success, featuring an impressive array of classics, antiques, muscle cars, trucks, European models, and Corvettes. The event drew a large crowd, eager to spend the day admiring the diverse display of vehicles.



On display at Trilogy, some factory Corvettes came with just two wheels!



Annette and I stayed until 4:00 PM, anticipating the award ceremony. Although I didn't expect to win anything, I was curious to see who did. However, there wasn't an official ceremony; instead, awards were handed out by ladies who delivered them to the winners. I didn't receive an award, but that didn't dampen our spirits. We had a fantastic time

meeting people and talking about Corvettes. By the time I got home, I was thoroughly exhausted.

CCC Chairman Jim Collins won an accolade for his jaw-dropping non-Corvette.

Looking forward to the next event!

**-Omar Aviles** NCRS #68856



*Just in case you wanted to know more, or never heard of it, here's a brief synopsis of the Mille Miglia race that gave Chevrolet the inspiration for the red color's name on Omar's 1971 Corvette. -Editor*

The Mille Miglia was established by Counts Francesco Mazzotti, and Aymo Maggi, along with sports manager Renzo Castagneto, and motoring journalist Giovanni Canestrini. The race started in Brescia, went to Rome, and then back to Brescia, covering a distance of approximately **1,000 miles**. The race was known for its grueling nature and the beautiful Italian countryside through which it passed.

The inaugural race took place on March 26-27, 1927, with 77 racers starting, of which 51 reached the finish line. The race attracted an estimated 5 million spectators over its 24 editions.

The race was suspended by Italian dictator Mussolini during the years that World War II raged, but it was resumed in 1947.

The race was known for its high speeds and lack of safety measures, leading to several accidents. A tragic 1957 crash, which killed 28-year-old driver Alfonso de Portago and nine spectators, ultimately led to the race's cancellation.





# NCRS Northern California Chapter Spring Judging Meet Registration

## Friday/Saturday, April 11/12, 2025

NCRS members and their guests are invited to attend NCC's Spring Judging Meet to be held at the **Los Gatos Lodge**, 50 Los Gatos – Saratoga Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032 (800) 231-8676. Rooms are available at rates of \$109, - \$169, plus tax. The group code is NCRS.

### General Meet Information

Jeff Blakeslee 707-396-3843 [JeffB@BlakesleeElectric.com](mailto:JeffB@BlakesleeElectric.com)

### Judging Information

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

### Event Schedule - Friday, 4/11

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm - Registration  
 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm – Judging School – C1-C5 Interiors  
 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm – Dinner at the Grille

### Event Schedule – Saturday, 4/12

7:30 am – Registration  
 8:00 am – Coffee & Donuts  
 8:15 am – Judges/Owners Meetings  
 8:30 am – finish - Flight Judging



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

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

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

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

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

**Note: Register online at [www.NCRS.org](http://www.NCRS.org) starting January 1 and save \$10 on your family registration fee.**

### Event Registration

\_\_\_\_ Family Registration Fee (required for all registrants) **\$50**  
 \_\_\_\_ Guest Fee (non-NCRS member) @\$20 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

**Cut-off date: March 28, 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 title or current DMV registration, plus a copy of current insurance certificate.**

\_\_\_\_ Flight Judging Entry @\$150 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Concours Judging Entry @\$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Sportsman Entry @\$40 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Special Display Bowtie – Duntov - McLellan – Hill – Crossed Flags – American Heritage (circle one) FREE  
**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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

Sharyl Ingham, 6047 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618-1802 510-420-0968 [sharylingham@gmail.com](mailto:sharylingham@gmail.com)

**No refunds after March 28, 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**.

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 the 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 that 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.

Click here to read the complete NCRS Hold Harmless Rules & Regulations for Events (<https://www.ncrs.org/home/hold-harmless.php>)

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





# SCC NCRS 2025 SPRING JUDGED MEET



Hosted by Dan Jessup of Jessup Auto Plaza, Cathedral City

**TWO-DAY FIVE-POINT Event Friday & Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

All Registration and Judging Events will be at Jessup Auto Plaza 68111 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Cathedral City, CA 92234

**Event & Judging Questions Beverly & John LeGate Co-Judging Chairs 408-981-1200**  
beverlyLegate@yahoo.com

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS November 15<sup>th</sup> ONSIGHT REGISTRATION 3-5PM OPS TEST 3-5PM**

**Fees: ONLINE REGISTRATION PREFERRED!**

**NO HOST DINNER THE YARD HOUSE # \_\_\_\_\_ Yes Judging School Joe LeMay Presents # \_\_\_\_\_ Yes**

Meet Registration Members	\$25.00 (INC. SPOUSE & children under 23 yrs.)	After March 1, \$40.00	\$ _____
Guests 1/2 of members registration:	Per guest \$13.00	<b>NON-NCRS MEMBER</b>	\$ _____
Flight Judging	<b>\$95.00 OWNERS MUST BE PRESENT BOTH DAYS (instructions to follow).</b>		\$ _____
Concours	\$50.00 [ ] Stock [ ] Modified		\$ _____
Sportsman	\$4.00 No Ribbon \$14.00 With Ribbon		\$ _____
Display (DUNTOV, MCLELLAN, HILL, CROSSED FLAGS, ETC.)			<b>\$ FREE</b>

**Cancellation Refunds Prior to March 15, 2025 Registration Closes March 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025**

**Mail your check to Beverly LeGate P.O. Box 2739 Ramona CA 92065**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Home/Work or Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ **NCRS National Membership #:** \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

The following information will be used on your judging summary sheet if you are having a car judged. 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.**

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**

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

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

**HOTEL: MOTEL 6 69570 Highway 111 Rancho Mirage CA BLOCK: NCRS Telephone: 800-544-4866 BLOCK ENDS**

**3/14/25 Cancellation By 3-25 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. [https:// bevwww.ncrs.org](https://bevwww.ncrs.org) LINK

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



# A Passion Lasting Generations

## Passing on Corvette Racing to the next Generation

Bryan Hill NCRS #98

Here is a picture of a picture. At 83 years of age, getting out on the track is no longer feasible. I now contribute by crewing for the Tero Corvette Team. This photo captures Jeni Yeakel at an HMSA Club



race that was held last March. Laguna Seca saw a rainy weekend, but Jeni impressively qualified first in her class and dominated every lap. We also participated in the Velocity International race at Sonoma in October.

A photographer from Laguna dropped by our pit and gifted us a picture he took of Jeni at the Laguna event. While I wanted a copy for my garage, the \$400 price tag was too steep for some garage art.

Jeni started assisting me and her father at Laguna when she was just 8, and now the roles have reversed. At Sonoma, we finished mid-pack in a mixed class that included everything from Lola T 70s to genuine GT 40s.

I continue working on my 1966 race Corvette. Despite my efforts to accumulate most of the

replacement parts over the last 40 years, I still needed to acquire a few pieces, like the complete "off-road" exhaust system. While my 1966 isn't original or a Star/Bowtie candidate, it's a non-restoration version reflecting how I had it during my college days, minus the headers and Hurst shifter. **-Bryan Hill NCRS #98**





# CCC Spring Judged Meet

Friday Registration opens **1pm** at Anderson Inn

51 E Hwy 246, Buellton, CA 93427

**May 16 & 17, 2025**

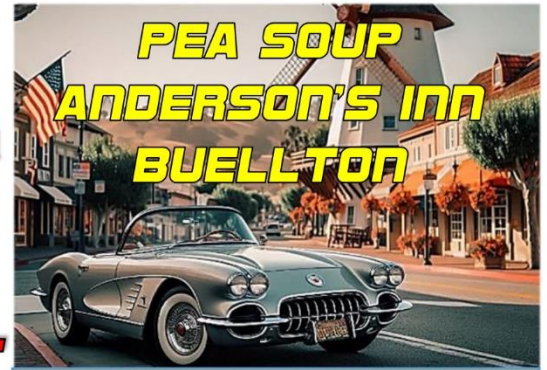
**2-DAY 5 POINT MEET**



Day 1 Judging 2:00 pm then Judging School

Day 2 Judging on Saturday 8:00am

Event & Judging Information: Larry Guevara (805) 701-6442



**Pea Soup Anderson's Inn**  
 51 E Hwy 246, Buellton, CA 93427  
 805-688-3216 *Special Discount code:*  
**NCRS Corvette Club May 16 Fri \$152.10**  
**Sat \$162.10. Price goes up Apr 16th!**

**REGISTRATION & REFUND DEADLINE IS MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

Register online (preferred) or make check payable to: **CCC/NCRS**  
 Mail to:  
**Bruce Fosdike, 1918 Constitution Loop**  
**Montrose, CO 81401**

<b>Family Registration</b>	<b>\$30</b>
Non-Member Guest(s)...	\$15 Each
Flight Judging.....	\$90
Concours Judging.....	\$50
Sportsman. <b>no ribbon \$10, with \$20</b>	
Special Display.....	Free \$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>_____</b>

Attending School & Dinner 4pm  Yes # of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ NCRS# \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to help Judge Judging Level \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to Tabulate  
 Level \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

**First Choice** (Circle one)  
 Interior Exterior Mechanical Chassis Operations  
**Generation Preferred** (Circle one)  
**C1(53-62) C2(63-67) C3(68-82) C4(84-96) C5(97-99)**

**Second Choice** (Circle one)  
 Interior Exterior Mechanical Chassis Operations  
**Generation Preferred** (Circle one)  
**C1(53-62) C2(63-67) C3(68-82) C4(84-96) C5(97-99)**

**Vehicle Information**

Flight Judge  Sportsman  
 Bowtie/Special Interest/Display (no fee)  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ VIN \_\_\_\_\_  
 Engine \_\_\_\_\_ Horsepower \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coupe  Convertible  Driven  Trailered  
 Trailer Parking Needed Miles Driven \_\_\_\_\_

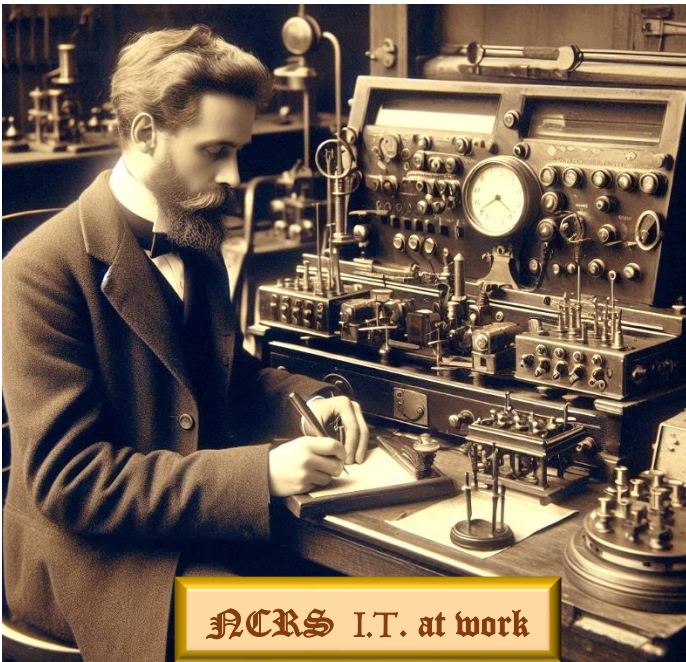
**Release and Waiver of Liability (Hold Harmless agreement)**

I AGREE: X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To insure my vehicle and property against loss, damage and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at time of registration. To assume risk of any and all damages 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. 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 meet, driving tests and/or road tours. I acknowledge COVID waiver inside Driveline cover.

Build Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Body Number (63-67) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exterior Color \_\_\_\_\_ Paint Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interior Color \_\_\_\_\_ Fabric \_\_\_\_\_ Trim Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insurance Co \_\_\_\_\_  
 Policy# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_





**NCRS Information Technology (I.T.) has responded** to NCRS membership requests. NCRS has now added an NCRS email “Opt In” for Associated Members (Spouses and Significant Others) to receive the same NCRS Chapter emails that their Primary NCRS member does.

This can be quite useful if the primary member’s spouse or significant other is better at keeping track of events, dates, etc.

**How Do I get that to happen?**

To Opt In, open a NCRS Help Desk ticket <https://www.ncrs.org/helpdesk/> and request to receive same NCRS Chapter emails that their Primary NCRS member already receives. **NO EXTRA FEES.**

*Take advantage of this new and useful option.*

**KEEP’M RUNNING** GARRY MION

**TECH ARTICLE**

On the Saturday morning of our spring chapter judging meet, I drove my 2008 to Cascio motors with no issues. Shortly after we finished setting up and preparing for members to arrive, I decided to take a quick drive to get some creamer for the coffee. Immediately after starting the car I saw two messages on my dash: Flashing Check Engine light and Service Traction System. Yikes. The engine was running rough, similar to having a coil/wire/plug failure. I decided to continue driving to get the creamer despite the warnings. Actually—I decided to drive the car home after the event.

Once home I took off the beauty covers and started to inspect the components under it to see if there was anything obvious that would lead to the source of the problem. After about five minutes, I ran across the #1 injector and noticed that the connector didn’t quite look seated. Sure enough, I was able to push it in. Hmmm. Upon closer inspection, I noticed the retaining clip on the connector was non-existent (picture at right), which meant the connector managed to move enough to break the connection to the injector, thus causing the problem I was having.



Reflecting back on the project to replace the oil sending unit, I remember having to remove some of the injector connectors to remove the fuel rail. Because of the age and mileage of the car these connectors were a bit fragile (brittle), so I probably damaged this particular one when either taking it off or putting it back on.

The only real solution was to replace the connectors. After a few web searches it became clear that others have run into this same problem with the injector connectors, and the common solution was to replace them. A quick search on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) resulted in a purchase of a set of eight EV6/EV14 connector pigtails (picture at right). Rather than attempting to splice the new ones into the existing harness, most people were removing the wires and replacing the old connector housing with the new one. Turns out to be a rather simple process, but the frail nature of the old connectors made the task more time consuming because it was essentially breaking apart as I worked with it (picture at left).



To get to the point of removing the wires, it is first required to carefully remove the red retaining clip and blue rubber seal located in the middle of the connector. I used a small pair of tweezers to slowly pry up on the retainer and grab the seal (picture at right).



Removing the wires from the connectors requires a very thin screwdriver or pick to push back the retaining clips on one side of the pin connected to the wire (picture at far left) It was easiest to first try this on the new connector pigtail just to get the hang of it. Doesn’t take much pressure at all to release it. Once you get the pins released you gently pull on the wires to remove them from the connector (picture at right). Of course, you will want to remember the orientation of which wire color goes into the appropriate connector location. It is the same for all the connectors. Fortunately, you have seven other injector connectors to use for reference.

With the wires removed from the old (and new) connector, then next step was to install the existing wires into the new connector. This was accomplished by simply pushing the pins into the connector. If I recall correctly they only go in easily when properly oriented. I found that always removing and installing the pins with the same orientation as shown in the picture above right helped to make sure everything was going back together in the same way it came apart. Once the pins are installed, the new rubber seal and red retainer are installed. The connector is now complete (picture at right) and ready to be placed back on the injector, this time staying locked in placed.





# ATTENTION!

## March of 2025 marks **20-year Anniversary** of the **Central California Chapter!**

We'd love to commemorate this milestone for our chapter with a fresh chapter logo acknowledging our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**This is where YOU come in!**

Please submit your sketch, painting, carving, drawing, computer rendition of what could be our 2025, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CCC Logo to [ncrsccl@aol.com](mailto:ncrsccl@aol.com)



**IT MUST HAVE** our Central California Chapter name, and the **NCRS** logo crossed flags (LEFT) somewhere in your creation.



# SCC NCRS Fall Judged Meet at Singleton Classics

In late September, the NCRS chapter to the south held a well-attended judged meet at a tremendously fun location, Singleton Classics in Costa Mesa. The owner, Will Singleton, opened up the museum of his personal collection on a Saturday for the Southern California chapter's Fall Judged Meet.

Will Singleton is the co-founder of Singleton Classics, a premier classic and exotic vehicle sales, storage, and event venue located in Costa Mesa, California. This extraordinary warehouse containing the remarkable auto collection, was built along with his wife Cary Singleton. The collection of classic American vehicles, ranges from a 1912 Simplex to a 1970 Chevelle. Their passion for American cars and dedication to preserving automotive history is evident in their work.

In addition to his love for cars, Will Singleton is also deeply committed to philanthropy. Through the Singleton Foundation for Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship, Will and Cary support various programs aimed at promoting financial literacy and entrepreneurship. One of their notable initiatives is "Slyngshot," a free web app designed to help users create and share business plans quickly and easily. The foundation also supports healthcare initiatives, including a significant donation to Alzheimer's research at the Pacific Neuroscience Institute Brain Center.

Will Singleton's contributions to both the automotive world and charitable causes have made a lasting impact, and his legacy continues to inspire others.

On top of providing an amazing place to hold the meet, the Singletons were gracious enough to provide goodie bags to everyone signed up for the SCC/NCRS meet. A true class act in every sense of the words.



The Corvettes judged, and the awards earned were all covered in Southern Cal's newsletter. I just wanted to share some photos of this spectacular venue, and the collection within. Photos courtesy of Jack Cox and Ron Bartow.





















# FOR SALE & WANTED

**Very Rare** set of 4 *Western Wheel* knock off wheels made for the **C3** (1968-82) 15" x 8". Wheels are restored. All adapters and spinners. \$2500 or best offer  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 5<sup>th</sup> our Central California Chapter's Spring NCRS JUDGED Meet Registration opens **ONLINE**. Go to [www.ncrs.org](http://www.ncrs.org) to register ASAP. Held in Buellton May 16-17<sup>th</sup>.

Early registrations will help your chapter plan and prepare for everyone's enjoyment. Please sign up early for having your Corvette judged, or to judge, or tabulate. Make your plans to participate.



# Corvette Cruise, Charity, and a Meal

## Harold Davis sets up another great day

### Benefitting Season of Hope

The Season of Hope toy and food drive was an incredible success. The weather couldn't have been better. On Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> thirty-one stunning Corvettes and one lone Porsche gathered in San Luis Obispo at Cuesta Canyon Park.



From there, we made our way to *KSBY TV* station at the south end of town to drop off our donations. A substantial amount of food, toys, and checks were contributed in the hope of making a difference in some lives. Many chose to give checks, as Pacific Premier Bank is matching funds up to \$5,000—an excellent way to double the impact of our contributions.

After delivering the goods to the studio, we took a short drive to the Olive Garden Restaurant. The

food was fantastic, but the company was even better. Two hours after our arrival, people were still at the tables, enjoying each other's company.



This event marked the last gathering for our group this year.

You still have plenty of opportunities to join other car enthusiasts in Pismo, Paso Robles, and Morro Bay on Saturday mornings. Just remember one of the golden rules for Corvette owners: Never drive your Corvette in the rain!

We hope to see you at one of your favorite spots soon.

*-Harold & Ardith Davis*







# John Fortney



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Fortney, the visionary founder of EC Products Design Inc / Corvette Pacifica. Over 40 years ago, John embarked on a journey that would revolutionize the world of Corvette enthusiasts and restoration parts. From the introduction of the basic C2 power antenna to the hundreds of innovative products that EC Products Design Inc continues to produce today, John's impact on the industry is immeasurable.

Born in Ohio, John lived a life filled with adventure and passion. His love for cars and travel took him around the world, but it was the Corvette that truly captured his heart. Enamored with its style and speed, John was driven by a relentless pursuit of perfection. He constantly sought to enhance existing designs, always striving to create something better. His work on the C3 Corvette parking brake console, making it more durable and resistant to cracking, is just one testament to his dedication and ingenuity.

John will be deeply missed by all who knew him. However, his legacy lives on at EC Products / Corvette Pacifica. As was his wish, the team remains committed to continuing his passion for Corvettes and developing new products that reflect his innovative spirit.







# CCC/NCRS Minutes



Thursday July 25, 2024  
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	X
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: Bill Vyn. Meeting called to order at 5:07 PM.

**2. Approval of 5/2/2024 meeting minutes:** Web Master Wendel Hans motions to approve minutes. Judging Chairman Larry Guevara 2<sup>nd</sup> approval. All say Aye. Minutes approved.

**3. Chairman's Report:** Chairman Jim Collins would like to discuss the following topics: Date and location for 2025 Judged Meet, Elections for the coming year including the election process our chapter uses, needed membership meeting for 2024, CCC approval of \$500 donation to the 2024 NCRS National Meet.

The CCC Judged Meet on May 10 and 11, 2024 worked out to be a good event. Three cars were judged, the weather was good and all the arrangements came together. The CCC team did fine! Also in May was the Morro Bay Car Show featuring an All-Corvette show section. Over 40 Corvettes were there, some of which were NCRS member cars. But there could have been more. The big Pismo Beach Car Show was in early June with over 850 cars on display. My 1970 Corvette may have been the only NCRS Corvette on display. Ernie Wheeler planned to bring his 1955 Corvette but had mechanical problems the morning of the event. His cars are always nice to see on display.

Harold Davis continues to organize more driving events so please take advantage of these opportunities.

On July 1, I hosted a Corvettes and Coffee event at my auto work shop for the NCRS CCC members and some invited Corvette owners. Jim Pobst with his friend Dan brought Jim's 1957 Corvette. He has owned this car for 61 years! Recently restored, the car looked great. Ron Kennedy had his 1963 Coupe there and Steve Shrefler brought his 1958. Invited friends brought two C8's and a 1965 Convertible. Some of our chapter members came without a Corvette. Altogether there were 15 people. We did have a Tech Session on Midyear Corvette suspension upgrades.

If anyone has ideas for events, please let me know: **Jim Collins** at [collins.cars@gmail.com](mailto:collins.cars@gmail.com)

**4. Vice-Chairman's Report:** Vice-Chairman Omar Aviles has nothing to report at this time.

**5. Judging Chairman Report:** Judging Chairman Larry Guevara is looking for locations for 2025 Spring Meet.

**6. Judging Administrator Report:** Judging Administrator Bruce Fosdike reported that one of CCC cars judged in May for Dave McNamara had his judging sheets lost in the mail.

**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 \$7559.25. Since our last Board Meeting, Income of \$240.27 for membership, income of \$638.26 for Spring Judged Meet which includes a \$50 refund on security deposit from A.G. Parks. Expenses include \$500 to our charity SLO Food Bank, \$500 to NCRS National for Volunteer lunches at 2024 National in Virginia, \$55.90 to Omar Aviles for CCC Spring Meet donuts, \$197.64 to Ron Bartow for Spring Meet Food & Drinks, \$147.50 to Ron Bartow for Judging materials of Standard Deduct, Paint Flow, Body and Fiberglass charts used in Judging School, (we have leftovers for other events). Spring Judged Meet has a profit of \$59.22. NCRS National matching funds \$500 and CCC charity donation of \$500 was delivered to the SLO Food Bank. Records Recording: Chapter Awards program for 2024 was submitted for the second quarter. CCC is awaiting the results for CCC Chapter Award results for 2023.

**8. Membership Chairman:** Membership Chairman Craig Landen reports that CCC has 65 family members and he has sent the Board his latest roster. CCC has a new member that lives in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**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 August 15th. Fall Newsletter will go out to members by September 1, 2024.

**10. Webmaster:** Webmaster Wendel Hans updates the CCC web page and has attached CCC Newsletters. Facebook has video to meet Chapter Award guidelines. Beth needs to ad photos and invite members.

**11. Activities and Event Planning:** Harold Davis will be conducting Stand Alone Charity Holiday Toy Drive on Saturday November 16, 2024. Harold also will be conducting several road tours that CCC members attend. CCC Membership meeting will be conducted via Zoom on November 7, 2024 5:00 PM, (Happy Hour). At the Membership meeting elections/voting procedures and a chapter bi-laws amendment 7.1 to hold Board Meetings quarterly will be discussed along with 2025 Events.

**12. New Business:** None discussed

**13. Meeting Adjourned:** Secretary Beth Bartow motions to adjourn the meeting. Editor Ron Bartow 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. All say Aye. Meeting adjourns at 6:19 PM. The dates for 2024 Board Meetings will be: 2/1, 5/2, 7/25, 11/7 via Zoom at 5:00 pm. (Happy Hour)

Minutes created by CCC Secretary Beth Bartow



**BRENT NORRIS<sup>^</sup> ORIGINAL 1954**  
**AUTOMOTIVE CLASSIC AT TRILOGY CHARITY SHOW**  
PHOTO BY RON BARTOW

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