

# THE SIDE PIPE

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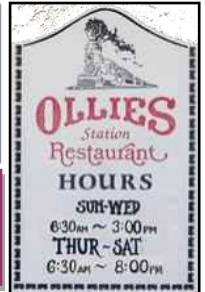
**October  
2024  
Newsletter**

## Monthly Meeting — Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Ollie's Station Restaurant, 4070 Southwest Blvd, Tulsa, OK 74107

7:30 AM to 08:00 AM—Parking Lot Gathering; 08:30 AM meeting starts indoors!

**Dues Reminder**—Your 2024 Chapter Dues are due in January 2024. (See last page of newsletter for Membership Application.)



## BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS

**President's Comments**—Welcome to October and fall weather! A good time for us to get those Corvettes out and enjoy them! I'm looking forward to some seat time in my '65 before the weather turns cold. I just had the original radio and clock re-built by D&M Restoration and the original carburetor repaired by Hatch Carburetion in Catoosa. If you are needing any carburetor work, I highly recommend Hatch. For instrument restoration there are lots of options out there, but I had a great experience with D&M. I met the owner at Corvettes at Carlisle last year and finally got around to sending my radio and clock to them in August. Total turn around time was about 4 weeks, including shipping both directions. Looking forward to cruising around with holes in my dashed filled in with a working radio and working clock. Hopefully, I'll have them back in the car for our October breakfast meeting.

Looking back on September, it was a good month for club activities. We had a good turn out for breakfast with several members driving the Corvettes to Ollie's Station, had a couple of new NCRS members join the chapter, and Gene led a couple of fun judging events at the Garage Condos of Tulsa. The judging school he led on September 7th was especially helpful to me as Gene used my '65 as an example of a couple of the judging areas. Two weeks later we had a great turnout for our fall judging event on September 20- 21. Gene provides more details on that in his Side Pipe commentary this month, so I'll just say thank you to Gene and thank you to everyone that attended. In addition to our registered members, we had several guests stop by on Friday night and Saturday to see what our judging events are all about. It was good to see so many people interested in the judging of "late model" Corvettes. We had two beautiful C5s! I make the "late model" comment with my tongue planted firmly in cheek. I've heard this reference several times when mentioning the judging of C4s and C5s. Calling our two C5s that were judged a "late model" car is like calling a mid-year Corvette a late model car in 1987. I know we have a lot of nice C4s, C5s, and C6s in our club. I'd love to see more of them at our chapter judging events in the future.

In the mean time, get those Corvettes out and enjoy this nice weather. Bring them out to Ollie's Station on October 5th. Right after the breakfast, we'll be having our quarterly board meeting at the Garage Condos of Tulsa. If you have any business you want to discuss, you are welcome to join us. See you Saturday! !

**NCRS Oklahoma Chapter President  
Rob Wilson (NCRS #48348)**

## Membership Chairman's Comments—

Membership Manager's Comments - We are currently at 83% chapter renewal rate for 2024 with 72 chapter members. Join me in welcoming our newest members, Doug Hicks and Lloyd Hyle. I will continue to reconcile the unpaid chapter members and accept any 2024 dues at the October meeting.

**NCRS Oklahoma Chapter Membership Chairman  
Kelley Bolton (NCRS #20451)**

## Judging Chairman's Comments— Oklahoma Fall 2024 Chapter Judging Event Recap

I would like to thank everyone who attended our fall 2024 judging event at the Garage Condo's of Tulsa, especially Charles Buxton and John Wuchter who brought the Corvettes for us to judge. After all the judging and tabulation was complete Charles received a Top Flight Award on his 2001 and John received a Concours Blue Ribbon on his 2004 in the stock class.

The weekend started on Friday evening with event setup and placement of cars inside. We had the Houlihan's and Smiley's

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from Wichita join us for Happy Hour and Garage tours, they are Oklahoma Chapter members that we don't see enough of and they were impressed with the Condo's and great cars inside and kept asking me why we hadn't judged them.

We had 24 total registered entrants and judges coming from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas attending along with Tony Stein our regional representative who helped with the judging school and informed us about upcoming events. I would like to thank Tony for his involvement in the chapter activities and what he does for NCRS. I have been a NCRS member since 1986 and we have never had a regional rep. (that I can remember) come to our event till our past representative Harry Ledgerwood did a few years ago. I hope this is going on all over the country, as it is hard to represent members if you don't talk to them.

The judging day started after the school with pizza coming at noon to feed the hungry judges. When the judging, operations and tabulation was complete the ribbons were presented and everyone was on the way home by 3:00

At our next board meeting we will start the planning for the spring 2025 chapter event, so think about having a car judged and let me know before I ask you. It takes everyone to get involved to make a successful chapter and keep us moving forward.

#### NCRS Oklahoma Chapter Judging Chairman

**Gene Holtz (NCRS #10606)**

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**Editor's Comments**—The time has come for me to step down as the Newsletter Editor. It is time for the Chapter to find a new Newsletter Editor. I'm sure there are a lot of capable members who can take over this position.

In December of this year my Chapter membership will expire and I do not plan on renewing it.

It has been a long run and I have enjoyed my trip with this Chapter. The people, the events, the classes, the dinners, the breakfasts, the judging, and the trips have been superb. I'll miss those things, but I just can't get over how National treated me over my status as a Master Judge. I gave a lot of my time and money attending events and classes to earn over 200 judging point only to be told by National that I am not a Master Judge! The sad part is that our National Judging Leader didn't even have the courtesy to respond to an email I sent him.

My association with the Oklahoma Chapter will always be near and dear to my heart, but I must say Good Bye!

My last newsletter will be the newsletter that I publish in December as the January 2025 issue.

#### NCRS Oklahoma Chapter Newsletter Editor

**Michael Aichele (NCRS #11685)**

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**FYI** - Phil Gray (Our former Vice-President) is at Zarrow Pointe, (71st & Lewis) and continuing his physical and speech therapy. Phil's Son, Paul visits daily and you can reach him on Phil's phone - 918 606-7497.



## EDITOR'S



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Thanks to those who provide contributions to the Sidepipe Newsletter.

\*\*\* **Please** think about writing an article or contributing an item of interest for the newsletter. This can be a tech tip you've found, an article to reprint from another publication that would be of interest, a personal experience that would interest other

members, or an item of news about the chapter or its members. Remember, include pictures if you can. Your Corvette classified ads are welcome, too. You can mail, e-mail, text, or loan me a flash drive. **Remember!!** Your help is needed to make this newsletter a voice of our chapter!

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## NCRS Communication

To keep up to date with the latest news from your Oklahoma Chapter NCRS, your Region VII Director, and National NCRS be sure to advise National of any email changes. This also applies to phone numbers and new mailing addresses. If your contact information is not current, then you will not receive the latest news and information

# “Oklahoma Chapter Judging Class—September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024...”

By Michael Aichele (NCRS # 11685), Rob Wilson (NCRS #48348), and Gene Holtz (NCRS #10606)



John Wuchter

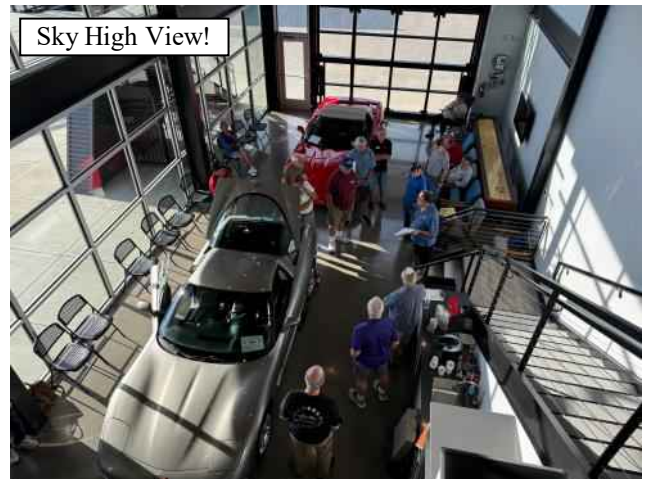


Charles Buxton

See Gene Holtz “Judging Chairman’s Comments” for more information about these pictures!



The Peanut Gallery!



Sky High View!



Learning from the Master!



Gene Holz—Judging Chairman  
Master Judge and Story Teller!!!!

**“That ’70s ’Vette: Just Another Girly Car?...”***New York Times, By Jeff Sabatini, November 5, 2006*

By the mid-1970s, the Corvette was just a pretty skin with a weak engine.

BY the time “Invasion of the Body Snatchers” arrived in movie theaters in 1978, it was clear that something evil had been sucking the mechanical soul out of sleek-skinned Corvettes for several years.

The third-generation Corvette made its debut as a 1968 model, based on the same mechanicals as the 1963-67 car, but with a new, outrageously styled body. It would become the longest-running Corvette body style, remaining in production through 1982, though undergoing extensive updates during this time. Over its long run, the C3, as enthusiasts refer to the entire run, would reach both the apex and nadir of Corvette performance.

The peak came early. In 1969, Chevrolet offered the most powerful Corvette to date, the ZL1. This was an optional engine package with an all-aluminum, 427-cubic-inch, big-block V-8. Listed at 430 horsepower, the engine’s true output has been reported at more than 550. Only two ZL1 Corvettes were built, as the steep price of the option (\$4,718.35) nearly doubled that of the car itself.

Things went downhill quickly, as G.M. began detuning its high-performing V-8s in 1971, reducing the compression ratio so they would run on unleaded gasoline. Then, in 1972, the auto industry changed the way it reported horsepower, switching from gross horsepower to a net measurement that took into account losses from necessities like the alternator and water pump. Advertised horsepower dropped, even when there were no mechanical changes.

**“What’s The Story: 1970 Corvette LT1...”***Barn Finds, By Joshua Mortensen, November 6, 2015*

While most cars are inherently interesting simply because of what they are, there are times when we come across something that the story behind it is even more interesting than what it is. This C3 Corvette is definitely interesting all on it’s own, but as you start to look it over, you can’t help but wonder what its story is! How did it get to the current state it’s in? Why was it parked after only 6 years of use? Why does it have a ’62 Corvette radiator? But most importantly, why is there fake fur attached to the door panels? Whether any of these questions will ever get answered, we don’t know, but that’s part of what makes

finds like this so interesting. If you’d like to take a closer look at this LT1 powered Vette, find it here on eBay in Woburn, Massachusetts with bidding already up to \$6k!

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As you can see, this Corvette has been modified and not just with a set of custom wheels and a set of valve covers. It wears custom paint and pin stripping, plus fender flairs. I'd say it's also safe to assume the hood and side pipes are also add-ons. For the most part, I'm alright with the looks, but I'm not sure about the quality of the work or how it's held up after being in storage. The paint will need to be redone, the top needs replaced and the wheels either need new paint or to be replaced with something more original. And during paint prep, you might want to remove the spoiler mounts and tow

hitch!

Now for the real scary custom work! Have a look at those seat covers! I hope the faux fur seat covers and door treatments aren't glued down, but I have a feeling they are. What would inspire someone to attach this material to their Corvette's interior? I know it was the '70s, but even leopard print fabric would have looked better than fur! I guess you'll have to redo the interior anyway. On the upside, this car has a 3rd pedal and a 4 speed shifter! It should make putting all 370 horses produced by the LT1 to good use a bit more enjoyable! So why do you suppose this Corvette was parked after only a few years of use?



### The Sting Ray Revolution: C2 Corvette (1963 – 1967)

The second generation, or [C2 Corvette](#), launched in 1963 with a total design overhaul inspired by the Sting Ray race car. This generation introduced the first-ever Corvette Coupe and the unique split rear window, a feature exclusive to the 1963 model. The C2 also saw the introduction of Big Block V8 engines in 1965, generating up to 425 horsepower, which significantly boosted the Corvette's performance capabilities.

By 1967, the C2 Corvette had incorporated several safety features, such as an energy-absorbing steering column, hazard lights, and a dual master cylinder brake system. These innovations not only enhanced the car's performance but also its safety, further cementing its reputation as a top-tier sports car.

## Upcoming Events

### OKLAHOMA NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- October 5th—NCRS Chapter Breakfast Meeting, Tulsa (See Front Page)
- October 5th—NCRS Chapter Quarterly Board Meeting, Garage Condo's
- October 10th, —Ladies Night Out (see Tulsa Happenings—Ladies Night below)
- October 15th—Tulsa Attitude Adjustment Night (see Tulsa Happenings below)
- October 19th—John Neas Cackle day (See notice below)
- October 22nd—OKC Attitude Adjustment Night (see Oklahoma City Happenings below)

### NCRS NATIONAL/REGIONAL/CHAPTER EVENTS:

- October 17-19, 2024—Regional, Frisco, TX
- April 3-5, 2025—Regional, Pendleton, SC
- May 1-3, 2025—Regional, Glendale, AZ
- May 29-31, 2025—Regional, Lacrosse, WI
- September 7-11, 2025—NCRS National Convention, Las Vegas, NV

### CAR STUFF: (Stuff for Car Guy's and Gal's)

- October 17-19, 2024—Chickasha Antique Auto Club Swap Meet, 712 E Choctaw Ave, Chickasha, OK
- October 26th, 2024—Caffeine & Chrome at Gateway Classic Cars, 10010 E 71st St, Tulsa, OK 74133. 9:00 am - Noon
- December 7th, 2024—Caffeine & Chrome at Gateway Classic Cars, 10010 E 71st St, Tulsa, OK 74133. 9:00 am - Noon

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### CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS: (Stuff for Car Guy's and Gal's)

- Tuesday Cruise Night, McAlister's Deli, 91st & Memorial, Tulsa, OK; 4:00 PM-Sunset (March 14 – Oct)
- Cars & Coffee, 1 Remington Place NE 50th and MLK, Oklahoma City, OK; First Saturday monthly, 8:30AM-11:00AM
- Cars & Coffee, Kicker Facility, 3100 N Husband St, Stillwater, OK; Last Saturday monthly, 8:30AM-12:00PM

## Cackle Notice:

John Neas is inviting you to his next Nitromethane Cackle on Saturday, October 19th at 9:00am. The location is 2136 E. 69th Street (69th & Lewis) and it will feature Tommy Ivo's last front engine dragster with Victor Brown in the dragster seat. Please bring your hearing protection as we look forward to having a fun time.

### TULSA HAPPENINGS—LADIES NIGHT

(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

**PLEASE RSVP—to Nancy Phillips! Contact her at 918-770-1043 or [nancy.phillips@isocentric.com](mailto:nancy.phillips@isocentric.com).**

**Monthly Dinner**—Everyone is welcome—Chapter Member's, spouses, partners, or singles to get together and mingle. It is a good time for all! Please come join us.

**Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024** diner location will be at Siegi's Sausage Factory, 8104 E. Sheridan Rd., Tulsa, OK. Gathering time is 5:00 PM, dinner at 5:30. We hope to see you there!!!

Future dates: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### TULSA HAPPENINGS

(3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

**ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT Night TULSA, OK**

**Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>; 5:00 pm** at Bravos Mexican Grill, 6104 E 71st Street, Tulsa, OK. Hope to see you there.

### OKLAHOMA CITY HAPPENINGS

(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month)

**ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT NIGHT OKLAHOMA CITY—October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at RUDY'S "Country Store" and Bar-B-Q located at 3437 W Memorial Dr. Oklahoma City, OK. Arrival time is 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. Hope to see you there.

## 2024 OKLAHOMA CHAPTER CALENDAR

October 5th - Breakfast  
 October 5th - Board Meeting  
 October 15th - Attitude Adjustment Tulsa  
 October 22nd - Attitude Adjustment Oklahoma City  
 November 2nd - Breakfast  
 November 19th - Attitude Adjustment Tulsa  
 November 26th - Attitude Adjustment Oklahoma City  
 December 7th - Breakfast

December 7th - Board Meeting  
 December 14th (tentative) - Christmas Party  
 December 17th - Attitude Adjustment Tulsa

### The Birth of an Icon: C1 Corvette (1953 – 1962)

The Chevrolet Corvette made its debut as a concept “dream car” at the 1953 General Motors Motorama show in New York. This sleek, performance-focused vehicle quickly won the hearts of American drivers. The first generation, known as the [C1 Corvette](#), was initially hand-built at GM’s Flint, MI factory, with the first 300 units released to the public on June 30, 1953.

In 1954, production moved to St. Louis, MO, where the Corvette continued to evolve. By 1956, the Corvette had undergone significant redesigns, including exposed headlights, rolled-up windows, and sculpted side coves.

The introduction of a removable hardtop also marked a significant milestone. From 1960 to 1962, the Corvette featured rounded rear fenders, integrated taillights, and a bold grille with heavy “teeth,” solidifying its iconic look.

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**FOR SALE** - Corvette "Body Dolly" and "Rotisserie" located in Wichita, Kansas \$3,000. Contact Dallas Keller at (316) 200-4125.

**FOR SALE (Price Reduction)** - 4 NOS Goodyear Eagle GS-CR Radial Tires for C4 Corvette; 2 are P255/45ZR17 both dated 2201; and 2 are P285/40ZR17 dated 4500 and 4400. Pick up in Wichita, Kansas \$700 or best offer. Contact Dallas Keller at (316) 200-4125.

**FOR SALE** - 1965 Close ratio Muncie 4 speed transmission. Main-case # 3851325, mid-plate #3857584, side cover #3831707. Date P0312 (March 12th) NO V.I.N. ON CASE. 7,000 miles on rebuild by Tom Parsons with upgrade to 1" cluster shaft and 26 spline input. Comes with new power torque pressure plate and good clutch disc and rear yoke. \$800.00 Contact Gene Holtz (405) 317-3919.



**FOR SALE**—2013 60th Anniversary 427 Convertible. Arctic White with silver stripe and Diamond Blue interior. Loaded 1SC car with carbon fiber package and battery protection package. Original sticker of \$91,925, Current mileage is 18,500. Recent service of all fluids, new clutch master cylinder in January 2024. Tires have less than 4k on them. Extras include car cover, 60th anniversary trunk lid mats, Lloyd floor mats, convertible wind deflector. All documents and vehicle history included. \$57,500 Contact Rob Wilson (918) 407-7940



**FOR SALE**—1964 Hardtop only, frame off restoration, new interior, new riverside red paint, 327 4 speed with aftermarket fuel injection, aftermarket power disc brakes, aftermarket power steering, aftermarket air conditioning. This is kind of a Restomod hybrid. Creature comforts without looking out of place. Asking \$50,000 firm. Contact: Bob Williams (405) 849-6201



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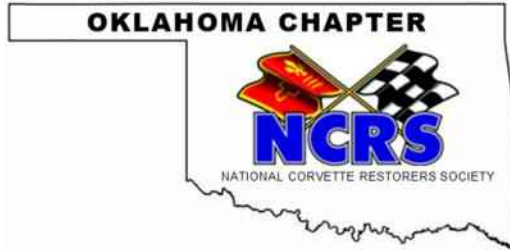
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# CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## OKLAHOMA CHAPTER NCRS, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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How did you hear about Oklahoma Chapter NCRS? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your special areas of interest? \_\_\_\_\_

NCRS National Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Corvette Information (Optional)

Year	Model	Color	Engine/HP
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Annual Dues are \$30.00 with membership expiring on December 31<sup>st</sup>. You must be an active member of the National Corvette Restorers Society before you can be a member of the Oklahoma Chapter N.C.R.S., Inc. Make checks payable to **Oklahoma Chapter NCRS, Inc.**

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