



Midway USA Tune Up

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Midway USA



Chapter Meeting

NO MEETING IN OCTOBER

NEXT MEETING

November 9, 2024



Chairman Ramblings – Rick Smiley

Since I have received numerous questions as to what a bunch of circumstances meant in my email, I thought I should start with a little explaining. For starters most of our officers are either absent or would be very late to the meeting. Our IT guru is having minor knee surgery (his words) the day before our meeting. Heck our substitute secretary is unavailable also. So in my infinite wisdom I thought it wise to cancel our October meeting. With all this being said I look forward to seeing everyone in November. I am sure our Judging Chairman will have something special for us!!!

I want to wish a speedy recovery to both Dale Green and Casey Coats on their knee surgeries. Get well

soon guys.

Jim (Coote) on behalf of our chapter I want to offer our condolences on the loss of your brother. If there is anything we can do to help, please let us know.

On Sept. 21st, Jo and Dave Houlihan, Kerri and Dallas Keller along with Bev and myself made our annual pilgrimage to Tulsa, OK for the Oklahoma Chapter judging meet and school. It baffles me how Gene Holtz can continually find beautiful cars for our judging pleasure.

Gene had two C-5s, one for Concours Judging, and one for Flight Judging. Both cars were beautiful and received top awards in both categories. Since this event was at a car condo complex, Gene arranged for us to tour

several members' car condos. The condos were awesome too. I saw several cars that should be on the judging floor. (HINT HINT!!!!) Thank you Gene for a great time.

Before I get to November, I believe you still have time to register for the Nebraska Chapter's mini-regional in Lincoln, NE, October 10th thru the 12th. I cannot say enough about the quality of this event. if you have never attended this event you are missing a great time. I feel confident if registration is closed you can call Brad Hillhouse and he will make room for you. Because Brad is just a nice guy!!!!

Now for November, chapter dues will be coming due soon so if you want to pay a little

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Just for Fun—Dallas Keller

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early I am sure Dallas will accept your money. The Veteran's Day parade is coming up; contact Mike Rowley for more info.

Mark your calendar for our Annual Christmas get together, Saturday, December 14th. As usual the chapter will supply the meat and everyone bring your favorite side dish and beverage. Location will be Dale Green's clubhouse. This is always a fun time. More on this in future newsletters.

That is all I have for now, hope to see everyone November 9th same time, same place.

Split Window Coupes Rule

Rick Smiley



I was going to put together pictures and summary of Carl Alter's September Tech Session, but I ran out of time. Maybe next month. Kerri

Did You Know? Changes during 1963 Production

Everyone knows that 1963 brought a new style to the C2 generation of Corvettes. But, did you know there were several changes made during the 1963 year production? Can you name any?

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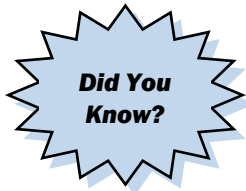
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NCRS Events Calendar

(National & Local)

NCRS web site <http://www.ncrs.org>
then click on the Events link.

Or click the [underline link](#) for registration then enter your NCRS Forum credentials then click the event to register

2024

Oct 10-12 Nebraska Last Blast—Lincoln, NE

Oct 17-19 Texas Regional—Frisco, TX

Nov 9 Chapter Meeting

Dec 14 Chapter Christmas Party

2025

Jan 11 Chapter Meeting

Jan 15-18 Florida Regional—Melbourne, FL

Feb 8 Chapter Meeting

Mar 8 Chapter Meeting

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Midway USA Name Tag

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Judging Chairman, October 2024 - Our Own Worst Enemy, Dave Houlihan

October is shaping up as a busy month. First, a callout to Oklahoma Chapter for their fall judging event. Gene Holtz arranged an excellent location and two fine C5 cars for judging. Event was in Tulsa at a "Car Condo" clubhouse. Great facility! Those "condo" cost more than my house, even without their contents. Friday evening was a condo walk-around visit - impressive cars and interiors.

Nebraska Chapter's Last Blast Mini-Regional is scheduled for 10-12th of this month. Brad Hillhouse, Mike McFarland, Lowell Keedy, Gary Neimanis, and Craig Stephan put on a DON'T MISS event! Great cars, expert talks, fun, food, and friendship mark LAST BLAST. Looking forward to this, again this year.

An Administrative Note: All Chapters received an email from NCRS National Board admonishing us re using NCRS online registration system for our events. Problem being, National suspects many members at these Chapter events have not executed the required Hold Harmless agreement. Hold Harmless Agreements are basic to Chapter insurance and liability coverage. I've included National's letter (below) for your information. Online registration helps your judging administrator with data input. In any case, we'll have paper Hold Harmless forms available at future events. Please signup using NCRS' online system.

Our Own Worst Enemy or Fix It 'till it's Broke! From the Peanut Gallery. I know many of us have done comments below without any problems, but

Spend some time on CF or NCRS's Technical Discussion Board and you'll find folks with problems - sometime problems they unconsciously generated trying to make things better.

"My temperature gauge isn't working (or working well)". Engine block Sending Unit seems to be problematic. That sending unit needs a good engine ground to function properly - copious quantity of Teflon tape is preventing that. Did GM use tape?

"My carburetor isn't working well. Removed and cleaned up my fuel lines, now I've got problems". Teflon Tape again? Fuel line seal is between carburetor and fuel line flared end. A leak indicates an issue with carb or flared end. Most NCRS Judging Guides have a note to deduct for visible Teflon tape. Remove and replace fuel lines and a potential for abraded Teflon tape stuck on carb threads to find it's way into your carburetor's metering passages - now you have a problem.

Use of anti-seize on spark plugs, bolts, etc. will throw off torque wrench values - might lead to damage of aluminum heads, etc.

Point is, be aware of what you're doing and adjust accordingly.

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Dear Chapter Chairs & Chapter Judging Chairs,

It has come to our attention that many of our Chapters are not using the NCRS online registration system for their events. In other case where Chapters are using online registration, we often see far more members being input for judging points than were listed in the online registration system. This leads us to believe that many of the members at these Chapter events have not executed the required Hold Harmless agreement.

Why is this an issue you may ask? NCRS's insurance carrier only provides coverage for your Chapter events if **every member attending** has signed the Hold Harmless agreement. Otherwise, your Chapter is assuming full liability in the instance that any of your members is injured during your event, or a member's car is damaged. We are guessing that many of you are not aware of this exposure to your Chapter, which is why we are issuing this reminder

Full details are spelled out on page 8 of the NCRS Chapter Guidelines and Operations Manual, but the highlights are listed below.

Meet registration forms containing the hold harmless clause signed by each member attending.

Verification of personal liability coverage for all vehicles entered in the event.

Retention of the above documentation for seven years.

Failure to do any of the above can result in **lack of insurance** for the event and/or disciplinary action of the Chapter by the Board of Directors.

We strongly encourage those Chapters that are not currently using the online registration system to begin doing so immediately; it will make your life much easier and ensure that members attending are executing the most current Hold Harmless language. For those Chapters using online registration for your events but winding up with far more members attending on the day(s) of the event than actually registered online, we cannot overstate the importance of having each one of those additional members execute the Hold Harmless agreement to ensure your Chapter has NCRS insurance coverage.

Mike Ingham, NCRS President

John Tidwell, NCRS Financial Officer



NCRS Nebraska Chapter

"LAST BLAST 2024"

Two Day "Super Chapter"

Flight & Concours Judging Meet

Commonwealth Flight Hangar - Lincoln Nebraska

Join the Fun in Nebraska!



Thursday, Friday & Saturday, October 10 -12, 2024

Flight, Concours, Sportsman & MOE Corvettes welcome!

Three Judging & Tech Schools on Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Thursday night: Welcome fried chicken picnic & social

LAST St. Louis Corvette Built presentation Friday 9-12am

Presenter: NCRS #003 John Amgwert

Presenter: Bloomington Gold Founder David Burroughs

Friday night: hors d'oeuvres, banquet & charity auction

Corvettes from all 6 Generations for judging

NCRS members from 10+ states & Canada at this meet

Come see why they call Nebraska LAST BLAST a mini regional!

More information: www.NCRSNeb.com

Registration Now Open on the NCRS Coming Events Page

For all NCRS members attending Judging Schools & Judging both days, this will be a 5-point weekend

Event Contact:

Brad Hillhouse: Judging Chairman

BradHillhouse@yahoo.com 402-730-6898



Swap-N-Shop Wanted

Unloved Corvette Wanted

I know that the C3 body style, particularly the plastic bumpers ones are the ugliest and most unloved Corvettes of all time. Underpowered, uninspired styling, boring, I've heard it all. Regardless, I love the C3 body style and want to learn more about them by purchasing, repairing, preserving and then working thru the NCRS judging system. Many of you know I have had a 1981 for 20 years, and this summer I purchased a 1979 that had been sitting untouched for years. It has been so fun learning the differences between my 1981 and this 1979 and the nuances of each car. If you know of a 1974-1982 Corvette that has been sitting unloved in the garage, let me bring it back to its former glory. The prior owner of my 1979 has been thrilled to see her baby back on the road again and earning awards as I have kept her updated with the progress from unloved to Top Flight. Thank you for any leads!

Brad Hillhouse

402-730-6898

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I am looking for any dealership memorabilia pertaining to the 1978 Corvette Pace Car. Last year I purchased a pace car from the original dealership that had never sold it since new. I am looking for items that would have been used at the dealership as part of advertising and giveaways as part of the 1978 model year. This could be anything from a 78 key chain to a Chevrolet Corvette dealership poster. There are thousands of items that were also used as promotions and sold to the public as part of the 1978 Indy pace car hysteria that were not dealership specific. Magazine or newspaper articles, license plates, 1978 Indianapolis 500 items, toy cars, booze decanters, etc. I am not picky! Any 78PC advertising is also of interest to me for my collection.

I am interested in anything!

Send pics and price to bradhillhouse@yahoo.com or call/text 402-730-6898

As part of my ongoing research into C3 Corvettes, and especially the plastic bumper cars from 1973-1982, I am looking for factory glove box items and dealership memorabilia. Specifically: owners manuals, tire & battery pamphlets, wheel mounting & jack cards, dealership sales paperwork, build sheets, tank stickers, warranty books, Protect-O-Plates, etc.

I am betting that you have some paperwork that you didn't let go when you sold your Corvette 20 years ago, and now you don't want or need it, but won't throw it away cause "somebody might want this". Well, you found me! I will add it to my library and use it to help write better judging manuals in the future.

What do you have? I might need it! I am interested in nearly anything for plastic bumper Corvettes!

Send pics and price to bradhillhouse@yahoo.com or call/text 402-730-6898



Services Available

National NCRS member, Lindsey McElhaney (60247), has the capability to remove C3 broken headlight mounting screws and repair threads in the lid. If you are in need of this service, contact Lindsey at 316-641-5138 for more information.

Swap-N-Shop For Sale

FOR SALE:

Gas Tank Anti-Squeak Pads for C2/C3 - Thick like factory originals, 2 & 3 inches wide Pair \$20.00 plus shipping.
Call Dallas Keller (316) 200-4125

Set of 4 NOS Valve Stem Extensions for '68-'73 PO1 and PO2 Hubcaps \$200 per set plus shipping
Call Dallas Keller (316) 200-4125

Hard to Find:

Headlight Washer "Y" 1969 only
Nice Reproductions \$20.00 plus shipping
Call Dallas Keller (316) 200-4125



Auto Twirler Corvette Rotisserie and Body Cart Includes the optional short center sections and wheels. Rotisserie is red and body cart is black. Both are powder coated. \$3000.00 firm. Pick up in Wichita, KS.
Dallas Keller (316-200-4125)



Shown with Optional AT-CV-WHEEL-ASSY Assembly Wheel Set

1 Gallon of DuPont Lucite Acrylic Lacquer Paint. DuPont Code 2930L
1959 Corvette Crown Sapphire Turquoise
1 full gallon - Mixed on 10/07/1982
\$100.00
Kent - (316) 393-2192

Swap-N-Shop For Sale

4 NOS Goodyear Eagle GS-CR Radial Tires for C4 Corvette

2 are P255/45ZR17 both dated 2201

2 are P285/40ZR17 dated 4500 and 4400

Pick up in Wichita, Kansas

\$700/ set of 4 **Price Reduced Need Gone**

Call Dallas Keller (316) 200-4125

316-200-4125

Swap-N-Shop Wanted

Looking for original 1992-1996 factory Corvette C4 exhaust. I bought a 1994 with an exhaust system that had been modified by the prior owner and I am trying to put it back to stock. From the factory, the entire "cat back" portion of the exhaust was one big welded system all the way back to the mufflers. I don't need the exhaust manifolds or catalytic converters or O2 sensors. Prefer the 92-96 version with the black rectangle exhaust tips as shown in this photo.

Brad Hillhouse 402-730-6898

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Meeting Minutes - Midway USA Chapter of NCRS, Inc.

Minutes prepared by Jo Houlihan for Jim Coote
who is again away on some trip and very much missed!

Our September meeting being held on the 14th was brought to order promptly at 9am by our Chapter Chairman, Mr. Rick Smiley. There were 18 members in attendance with 4 attending by Zoom. Actually, we had 5 attending on Zoom, one of which was Mr. Coote. He was very silent, I for one thought he called in to take the minutes and that is why he was so quiet.

First, Rick apologized to everyone who got a scam email from him in the past week. Some members were expecting Rick to give them \$500 at the meeting today, which didn't happen.

Tony Stein, our Regional Director, was asked to talk first. Tony reminded everyone of the up-coming events: Tulsa Chapter meet on September 21st, St Louis Chapter meet on September 28 and Frisco Regional on October 17-19. Casey asked Tony if he knew the total number of cars going to the Frisco Regional as he heard only 21 cars were registered. Tony said he had not been aware of the number of cars registered.

Rick now gave Dale the floor after telling everyone how indispensable he is and big thanks for keeping things working so well. We got a big "Thank You" from Dale and he had nothing new to report.

Now on to Mike for updates on Membership and Events. Mike reported the membership is still the same. Talked a bit about the Veteran's Day parade and who the contacts are on that. Our Thursday Attitude Adjustment is set up at Spears. As Spears doesn't serve alcohol, our attitudes are adjusted by pie!

Dallas was next to take the floor to give a Treasurer Report. No activity this last month, and the bank accounts shows \$4212.42 and \$100 sitting in savings. Rick presented Dallas with a bill for \$48.00 for the purchase of Standard Deduction Charts and Paint flow charts. A discussion entailed between Seth and Dallas on the setting up of Pay Pal. It was decided that Seth would remove all his Pay Pal entries creating it and Dallas would create a new one for the club with his name only.

The Secretary had nothing to report, as he wasn't on the call yet. Seth reported Facebook was going great. A big thanks to Bev for all the posts. Seth got the okay from Brad to advertise the Nebraska "Last Blast" Chapter event on our Facebook page.

Rick next asked the members if they thought he was dragging the meeting out and making them way too long. He identified the person doing the complaining as his wonderful wife Bev. There was "No" reply from the members, as no one wanted to be responsible for problems in the Smiley household.

Our Top Flight banner was picked up at Nationals. Rick asked Dallas to put it with the previous 13 Top Flight awards the chapter has earned. Our Chapter has achieved a Top Flight each year since we were established. We were not eligible for Top Flight during our first year, as we were on probation.

Anthony was asked when his "58" would be ready to judge. He is hoping to have his done by next month.

A discussion on our October meeting as to the date it would be held and or should it be our Octoberfest. Dale will check on the availability of his club house and get back to us. Be sure to start looking for the email on whether we will be meeting or eating. Since we were discussing eating, everyone was thinking about our Christmas Party, so Dale will be checking on December 14 use of the club house.

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Meeting Minutes - Midway USA Chapter of NCRS, Inc.

Minutes prepared by Jo Houlihan

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Rick started discussion on our charity for this year. We have been giving to the American Cancer Society. He wanted thoughts on changing to another organization. A couple suggestions were McPherson College and Transplant organization in Wichita. Tony offered to check on NCRS approved groups. Tony would also check on the cut-off date to get matching funds.

There were several members with items for show and tell. Kent brought a rusted piece of frame, that he was hoping Carl would fix. Dallas had a picture with Zoro Duntov and Connie Robert's uncle standing beside a Corvette serial number 101. Carl brought pictures of previous car restorations he had accomplished.

Gene gave an update on their Chapter event on September 21. They have 2 cars, 2001 for Flight and 2004 for Concours. There will be an open house Friday from 4-6pm at the Car Condo where the event is to be held. Saturday morning check in time is 8am and lunch will be at noon.

Brad gave an update on the "Nebraska Last Blast" being held Oct 10-12. He has 12 Flight cars registered, 5 Sportsman cars and 8-10 Display cars. There are members registered from 11 different states. Thursday night begins with a BBQ hosted by Mike McFarland, always good food and a great time. Friday morning begins with "The Last Car Made in St Louis" seminar presented by John Amgwert NCRS member #3, National Corvette Museum Hall of Fame and David Burroughs who started Bloomington Gold. On Friday afternoon there will be a judging school by Bill Mulder on "First Generation, C1 VIN tags". Of course, they will have their fun Charity Auction and the goody bags will be more like Christmas presents. There will be Event t-shirts and new Chapter t-shirts. (If Seth and Vinnie are able to attend, Vinnie would like to take pictures.)

Meeting was adjourned and Dave gave a brief introduction for Carl's presentation on his mid-year bird cage restoration. Thanks Carl for a great presentation!!!

Did You Know? Changes made during 1963 year production

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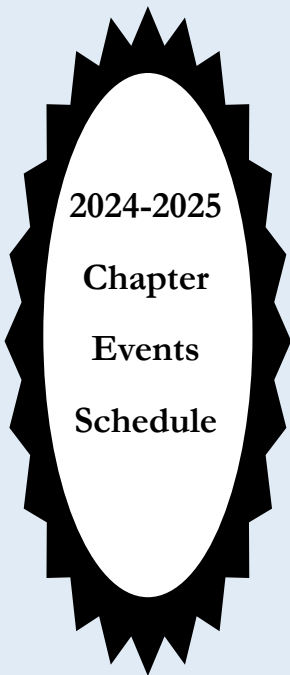
1. Most 1963 Corvettes had fiberglass headlight buckets. But late 1963s and all of 1964-67 models had metal buckets.
2. Early 1963 models used roller-type catches for the gas filler doors, Later production used nylon slide catches.
3. All 1963s had built-in adjusting mechanisms for the bottom seat cushions. Early 1963s had under-seat depressions, possibly for tool storage. This feature was removed midway during the model year.
4. The outside rearview mirror was revised to a taller design with a smaller base at about the midpoint of 1963 production.
5. Early 1963 radios were AM signal-seeking. Later were AM-FM.
6. The glove box door in the 1963 Corvette was fiberglass and its face was covered with clear plastic. In early 1963s, the dash surface around the radio and speaker bezel was painted instead of vinyl-covered.

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- Oct 10-12 Nebraska Last Blast Judging Event—Lincoln, NE
- Oct 17-19 Texas Regional – Frisco, Texas
- Oct 24 Attitude Adjustment
- Nov 9 Chapter Meeting
- Dec 14 Chapter Christmas Party—Dale Green’s HOA Clubhouse

2025

- Jan 11 Chapter Meeting
- Jan 15-18 Florida Regionals—Melbourne, FL
- Jan 23 Attitude Adjustment
- Feb 8 Chapter Meeting
- Feb 27 Attitude Adjustment
- Mar 8 Chapter Meeting
- Mar 27 Attitude Adjustment
- Apr 3-5 Carolinas Regional—Clemson Univ, South Carolina
- Apr 12 Chapter Meeting
- Apr 24 Attitude Adjustment
- May 1-3 Arizona Regional—Glendale, Arizona
- May 10 Chapter Meeting
- May 22 Attitude Adjustment
- Jun 14 Chapter Meeting
- Jun 26 Attitude Adjustment
- Jul 12 Chapter Meeting
- Jul 16-19 Kansas City/St. Louis Regional—Springfield, MO
- Jul 24 Attitude Adjustment
- Sep 7-11 NCRS National, South Pointe Casino, Las Vegas, NV.
- Oct 23-25 Texas Regional—Frisco, TX





Date _____ NCRS Member # _____

National Corvette Restorers Society
Midway USA Chapter of NCRS
<http://www.midwayusancrs.org>
Membership Application

Member _____

Address _____ City: _____

State _____ Zip: _____ - _____ Email: _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

List of Corvettes:

Year	Color	Style	Additional Comments for Corvette
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Restoration Experience (if any) _____

Midway USA Chapter of NCRS in Wichita, KS

promotes the enjoyment, preservation and restoration of Chevrolet Corvettes.

We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. at All States Home Improvement
9436 West Kellogg Drive

The National Corvette Restorers Society is a non-profit hobby group of thousands of families dedicated to the restoration, preservation, history and enjoyment of Corvettes. Membership in the National Organization is required in order to join local chapters. Below is the website for the National Organization.

The NCRS has organized Local Chapters around the world. Local Chapters provide the opportunity to meet NCRS Members in your region who share your love of Corvettes and the restoration and enjoyment of these fantastic cars. Chapters hold local events such as Judging Meets, Judging Schools, Road Tours and occasional social events.

If you wish to get the total NCRS experience you need to belong to one or more Local Chapters. The NCRS membership is made up of people who join for the cars and continue for the wonderful friends they have made. The easiest way to be part of that experience is through membership in Local Chapters.

Chapter Membership Dues:

Midway USA Chapter of NCRS (\$25.00) __ Check # _____ Cash _____

Nat'l NCRS Membership is Required. Register by Internet <http://www.ncrs.org/services/membership>

Nat'l NCRS Membership is **\$60.00** Register by Phone (513) 760-6277

Mail this application and check written to **Midway USA Chapter NCRS:**

Dallas Keller - Midway USA Treasurer

13502 W. Rolling Hills

Wichita, KS 67235-8230

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