



Midway USA Tune Up

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Chairman Ramblings- Rick Smiley

Not sure if I have said this before but it bears repeating. My granddad used to tell me as you get older time goes by faster, and although I didn't used to believe him, I do now. It seems like it was yesterday when we Concours judged Bim Heineman's beautiful Black '72 coupe. Congratulations goes out to Bim for his 427 award. There were so many chapter members gone to Nebraska's mini-regional we had to cancel attitude adjustment hour. And then September is gone!!! October started off with a road trip to Salina to judge John Rupright's Sebring Silver split window coupe. The car earned a second flight award. We were met there by our members from Nebraska and Oklahoma. Thank you for all your

judging expertise. After John provided lunch, he said he would be busy correcting a few items and to keep a date open in the future for a return trip. I want to thank Francis Ryan for providing his very cool garage for our Judging Meet. Francis is a true hot rodder, so naturally his garage and cars won me over. Francis is the gentleman that acquired Tracy's '63 340 horse black on black roadster and finished restoring it. And what a beautiful car it is.

Speaking of cars, depending on the weather we may be judging Brad Hillhouse's C-5 in November. Brad talked about taking the car to Frisco, TX for regional judging. We will just have to wait to see? Honestly, you just never know what to expect from Brad. By the

way Brad, we all what to wish you the best in the upcoming Region VI election for Regional Representative.

Not sure how many of you read Hemming Motor News? As I was reading the October issue, I stumbled across Gooding and Company results from the Amelia Island auction. What I saw absolutely floored me. There on Page 59 was a Sebring Silver split window. Yes it was a Z-06 with low miles and a detailed paper work history. Selling Price \$1,242,500.00. Yes, over 1 million dollars. That was a very fortunate seller. And everyone thinks resto mod Corvette are hot!! I have included the photo and write up. Not sure what I am getting at here other then the sky the limit on these cars right now!!! It just

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boggles my mind.

Ok enough of the gee-whiz stuff. Our next meeting will be at Davis-Moore on October 8th usual time usual place. Hope to seeing everyone there.

Rick Smiley
Chairman



We have started collecting 2023 dues. Dues are \$25 per year. Please bring your 2023 dues to the October, November, or December meetings or mail your dues to:

Dallas Keller
13502 W. Rolling Hills Drive
Wichita, KS 67235

Dues should be paid no later than January 1, 2023.

Did You Know?

We judged a 1963 Sebring Silver Split Window on October 1.

1. Name 4 of the remaining 6 exterior colors offered in 1963.

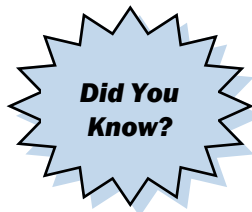
- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

2. Name the 4 vinyl interior colors offered in 1963.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

Which of these 4 colors was the only color offered in leather in 1963?

1. _____



(See Page 14 for Answers)

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

2022

Oct 8 Chapter Meeting & Judging School

Oct 20-22 Texas Regional—Frisco, TX

Nov 12 Chapter Meeting

Dec 9 Chapter Christmas Party

Dec 10 Chapter Meeting

2023

Jan 14 Chapter Meeting

Feb 11 Chapter Meeting

Feb 22-26 Florida Regional – Lakeland, FL

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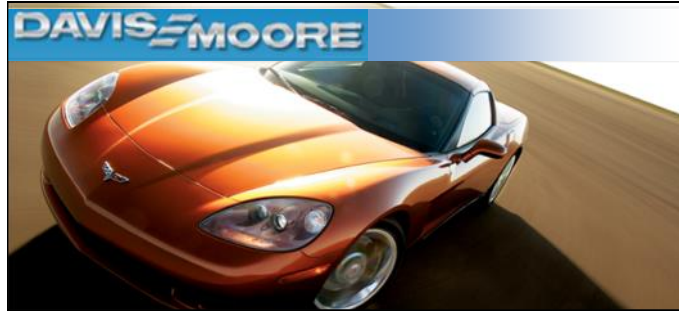
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Tech Bits - Early & Late Cars, October 2022, Dave Houlihan

I'm looking in a parts catalog and my application has two part numbers listed - Early and Late. Is my car early or late? Answer most likely is "YES". Let us take 1963 for example.

TRIM TAGS: Early 1963 trim tag dates were Month & DAY. Late 1963 trim tag dates were Month & WEEK. See Figure 1.



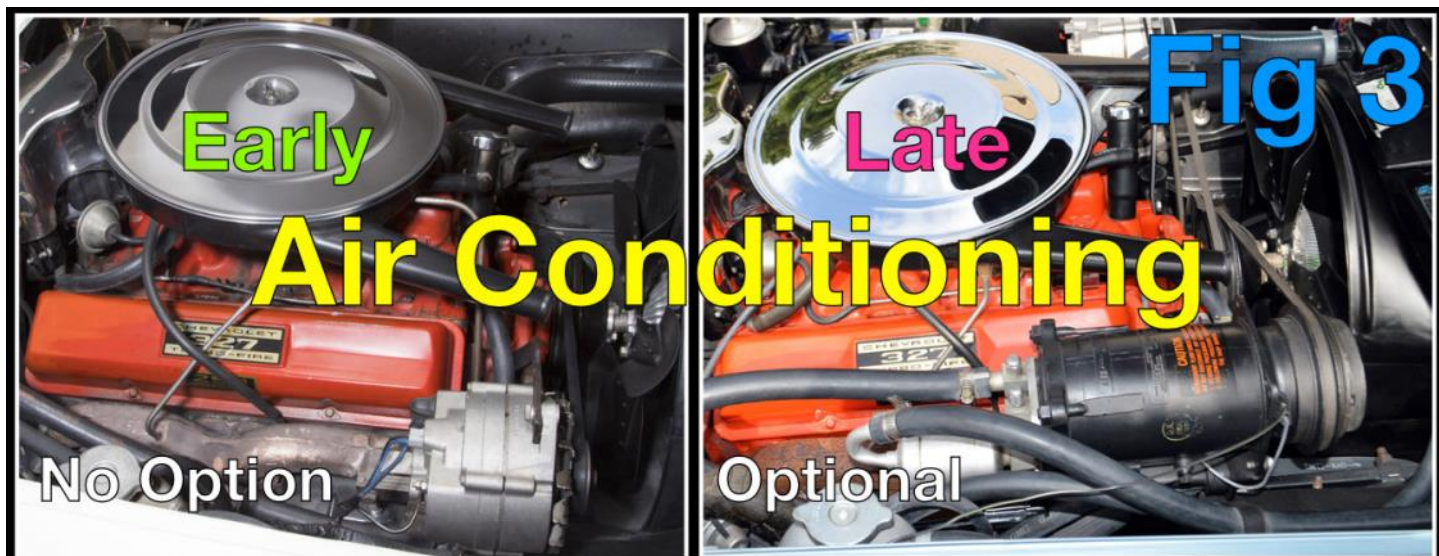
Dash: Early 1963 dashes had satin paint. Late 1963 dashes were vinyl. See Figure 2.



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Air Conditioning: Early 1963 AC was NOT Optional. Late 1963 AC WAS Optional. See Figure 3.



Horn Wire: Early 1963 horns had BLACK wire. Late 1963 Horns had Green wire. See Figure 4.



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1963 production was 21513.

Trim Tag Dates: Month and day were used on the first 25 cars. Remainder of production was month and week. **Dash surface:** satin paint was used up until around VIN 3200. Remainder of production used vinyl. **Air Conditioning:** AC became optional after around VIN 13000. **Horn wire color:** Black was used through most all production some green wires are seen around VIN 18000.

Take away: Early/Late depends on what you are talking about. Your year specific NCRS Technical Information and Judging Guide is a great resource for this Early/Late information. Vendors *should* (boy I like that word) be able to give you an approximate VIN number on early/late transition points for their offerings.

Well worth a read is John Hinckley's article on "Understanding the Assembly Manual and Running Changes". That's what these Early/Late things are - running changes. Article can be found on www.camaros.org web site.

Dave

Editor's note: Here's a couple more examples of early and late in 1963 production.

Rear View Mirror: First design (early 1963) is a chrome-plated stamped-steel construction with a crimped edge. A rivet appears on either side of the swivel point, and the word **GUIDE** is stamped below the swivel. There is no date code in the glass of this style mirror.

Second design used in late 1963 production has cast chrome-plated frames with no rivets or **GUIDE** stamping. The glass is date coded in the lower right corner of the glass and should precede the build date of the car.

Glove Compartment Lock Assemblies: Early 1963 lock assemblies had a 7/8" round outside bezel with a 1/8" high, 1/2" wide squared off bottom secured to the backside with a cadmium/zinc retainer and a single chrome Phillips screw. All later 1963 lock assemblies have a large (appx. 1 1/8") rounded outside bezel secured on the back side of the door with a "U" shaped chrome plated retainer and a single chrome Phillips screw.

Glove Compartment Interior Light Assembly: The light bulb is round without a shield in early 1963 models until approximately February 1963. To prevent glare,, later 1963 models use a tubular bulb with a cadmium or zinc plated metal shade attached over the bulb which is positioned to direct the light beam downward and away from the driver.

Seat Belts: Early 1963's belts are stitched with two separate distinct square to rectangular boxes with a centered X stitch pattern. Later 1963's have the two stitch boxes overlapping.

These 4 examples were taken from the 1963-64 TIMJG. There was no reference to the VIN where these changes might have taken place.

Radio: AM-only radio were the only optional radio available in 1963 to appx. VIN 12000. The AM/FM radio became available during 1963. While not typically and generally viewed until after VIN 12000, the AM/FM radio has been observed and authenticated on VIN 9403.

This example was taken from the 1963-64 TIMJG. Although there is a reference to VIN, it is not very exact.

I added these 5 example simple because we judged a 1963 on Saturday. Although the VIN was what we considered to be early production (<7900 VIN), we had a late glove compartment lock assembly, a late glove compartment interior light assembly, an early seat belt stitch pattern, and an AM/FM radio.



Midway USA Judging Meet in Salina October 1

Saturday, October 1, Midway USA members from Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Kansas traveled to Salina, KS to judge a Sebring Silver 1963 Split Window. We started the day with introductions, since some of the judges had not met the owner.

Rick then presented a judging school on Judging Etiquette. The exterior judges started with checking the doors and hood for fit. Then the rest of the judges began. This car had just been through a beautiful restoration. The owner wanted the car judged so that he would have a check list of items that he could fix, since he knew that he would lose points on his paint, battery, and a few other things that he either chose to over restore or could not find as delivered. He is anxious to fix or find the items receiving deductions so that he can improve his 2nd Flight to a Top Flight.

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Nebraska Last Blast Summary (Picture by Dallas K.)

The following Midway members attended the Nebraska Last Blast September 22-24: Casey and Sylvia Coats, Jo and Dave Houlihan, Kerri and Dallas Keller, Brad and Alice Hillhouse, Craig Stephan, Pete Gimenez, John Hecker, Gene and Gina Holtz, Melinda and Lowell Keedy, Mike McFarland, Gary Neimanis, Seth and Vinny Paulsen, and Daniel Rechtsfertig. The event started with a welcome BBQ social at Mike's business Thursday evening. Friday morning many attendees toured "Speedway" Museum of American Speed arriving back to the Judging meet just in time for a taco bar lunch. Dave Houlihan presented a CDCIF Judging School after lunch. There were 8 Corvettes for Flight and Concours Judging. There were also 8 Sportsman and 3 Mark of Excellence Display Vettes. Operations Judging started shortly after the Judging School. All Corvettes had the opportunity to be photographed with not 1 but 2 airplanes. After all the "to be judged"



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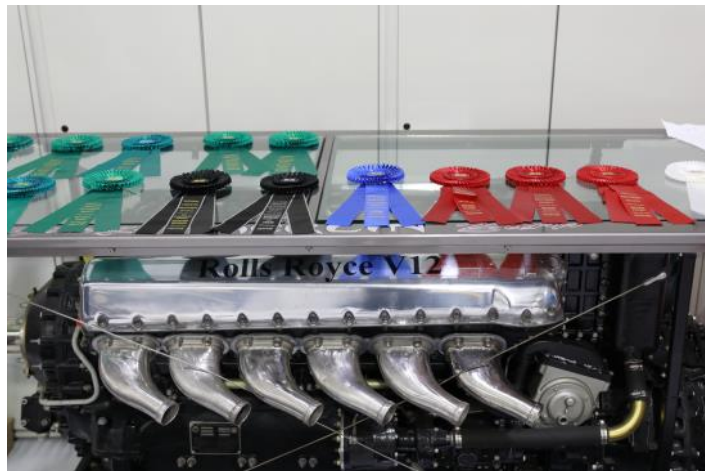
Corvettes were staged back in the hanger, teams began judging Interior, Exterior, Mechanical, and Chassis. Friday's judging concluded around 5:00 pm, just in time to take a tour of the Duncan airplane maintenance facility. Airplanes manufactured all around the world come to Duncan's facility for maintenance in Lincoln, Nebraska. Thanks goes out to Todd Duncan for allowing us to tour their facility. Friday ended with a catered dinner and an auction of many Corvette related items and a few gag gifts to raise money for Nebraska's charity, Josh the Otter Foundation which promotes water safety and awareness projects. Saturday began at 8:00 am with pastries, fruit, and coffee followed by the remaining judging of Interior, Exterior, Mechanical, and Chassis. There were judges from 11 states and Canada. After judging, everyone enjoyed pizza and salad for lunch. Ribbons were awarded to the Corvette owners and the meet ended. Thanks to the Nebraska Chapter for an excellent Judging Meet.



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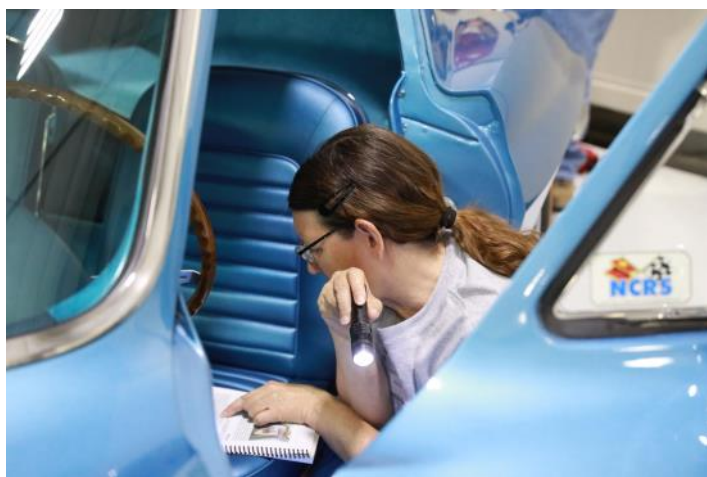
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Nebraska Last Blast Summary (Continued) (Pictures by Vinny P.

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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

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Midway USA Judging Meet in Salina October 1 (Continued)

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Brad Hillhouse 402-730-6898

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National NCRS member, Lindsey McElhaney (60247), now 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.

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Meeting Minutes - Midway USA Chapter of NCRS, Inc.

Minutes Prepared by Jim Coote

The September 2022 monthly meeting was held on the 10th and called to order at 9:00 A.M. by our chapter Chairman, Rick Smiley. There were 16 in attendance, including Seth Paulsen by way of Zoom. Mike Herrington must have Covid 'cause he wasn't on Zoom and he always is! Come to think of it, neither were any of the Nebraska and Iowa rascals. Wonder what was so important to them!

Old and New Business:

Rick began the meeting by visiting with Seth who was in Atlanta waiting to get out via air. Now that he's an airline pilot we don't get to see him as often. Rick asked him how Sophia was doing, and Seth answered that everything was going fine, in fact they now have a Corvette onesies for the 6-week-old youngster. Guess he's trying to instill his hobby early on the little tike.

My notes are so brief that they do not reveal whether or not Rick welcomed us all. Surely, he did, he never misses in making us feel welcome. I probably just fell asleep! Please excuse the error. Thanks!

Rick went right to the Treasurer, a Mr. Dallas Keller, seeking to know what has happened in the last 30 days. Well, Dallas has all the forms required to submit to National for them to match our contribution to the American Cancer Society, a contribution of \$2,200.00 raised at our June Corvette show. He did a good job getting our attention concerning a mysterious deposit to our account. Meritrust wrote him a letter explaining that there had been a settlement of a law suit and because we are a "business" we were the beneficiaries of a three-digit deposit! So, our balance this month is \$2,846.11, thanks to the generosity of the lawyers for the \$9.80 deposited to our account. Wish someone would take pity on our savings account, which if you have forgotten is \$100.00.

The Secretary of this outfit was asked if he had anything he wanted to say, but his answer was the same as usual, "nothing to add".

Next in line was Seth again who brought us up to date on our Facebook pages. He said that we've had some unauthorized postings, which he will be deleting. He left Zoom before I could ask what makes a posting likely to be deleted. Just curious.

Kerri was asked if she had anything to add which her reply was "no", then she remembered that Gene Holtz and "the Brad" had sent her articles for the newsletter and she wanted to thank them in front of all of us. There was a message there I believe. For the rest of you, think hard about what you could write about. I get off 'cause I submit something every month whether it's readable or not!

Rick started to tell us about a discussion that he had with someone on the Concours committee, and it broke into a lengthy discussion, mainly between Rick and two "Red Hatted" gentlemen in our meeting who at times didn't appear to agree with Rick's strong feelings. The discussion was mostly about the Judges not judging according to the intent of the Concours class. The point of starting a Concours class was to get more Vette owners interested in joining NCRS, but if Judges are too picky, we won't see much of an increase.

Rick, looking for an excuse to get out of the last conversation, announced that we will finally have the Salina Judging Event that has been talked about for months. It's now scheduled for October 1st at 10:00 AM. Location hopefully will be in a downtown space as the shop is on a gravel road, a no-no for Vettes! There will be two 1963's, a coupe and convertible if the "vertible" doesn't sell before the 14 or so Judges arrive on that Saturday.

The Judging Chairwoman, Bev Smiley, had nothing to say before she was to start the Judging Event of Bim Heineman's 1972 Concours candidate. Wonder if she's the same at home. I'll have to ask Rick sometime.

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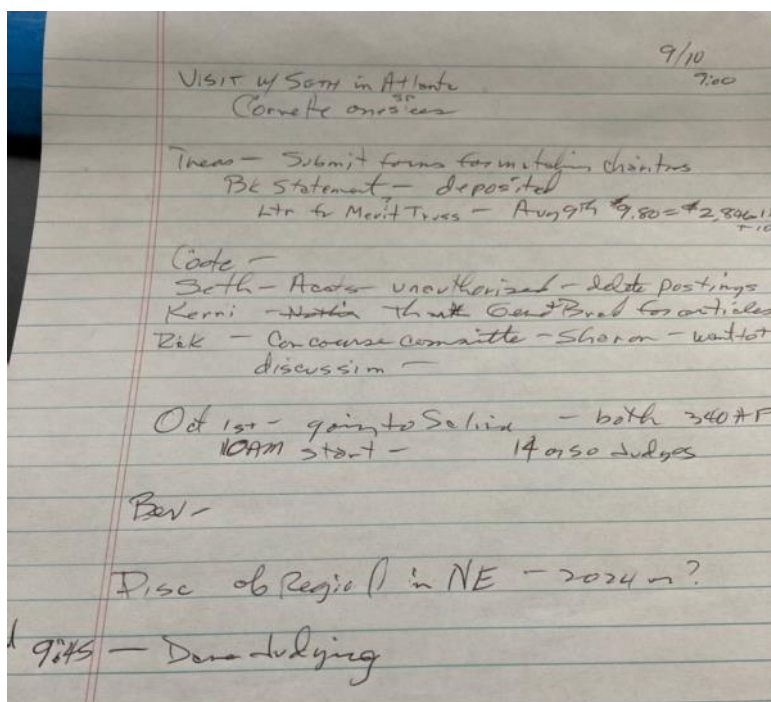


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Rick asked Brad Hillhouse if Nebraska was considering holding a Regional Event anytime soon. It seems that they have run into some of the same complications that we have in considering such a chore. It makes you appreciate more what some of the other clubs have done in hosting events.

At 9:45 Rick decided it was time to turn over the podium to Dave Houlihan for his Judging School. If you wonder why the minutes are so short this month, you ought to see my notes. They reveal that most of our attendees would rather listen than contribute to the discussions! This situation is similar to Kerri's problem of getting contributors to her (our) newsletter. We both need more contributors. And of course, so does Rick. Please help.



This is a picture of Jim's notes that he took on meeting day. It is quite remarkable how he gets from this to the above written minutes. Jim must have a really good memory and quite an imagination to be able to make sense of these scratches. Not bad for an old codger!

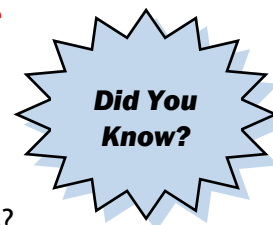
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We judged a 1963 **Sebring Silver** Split Window on October 1.

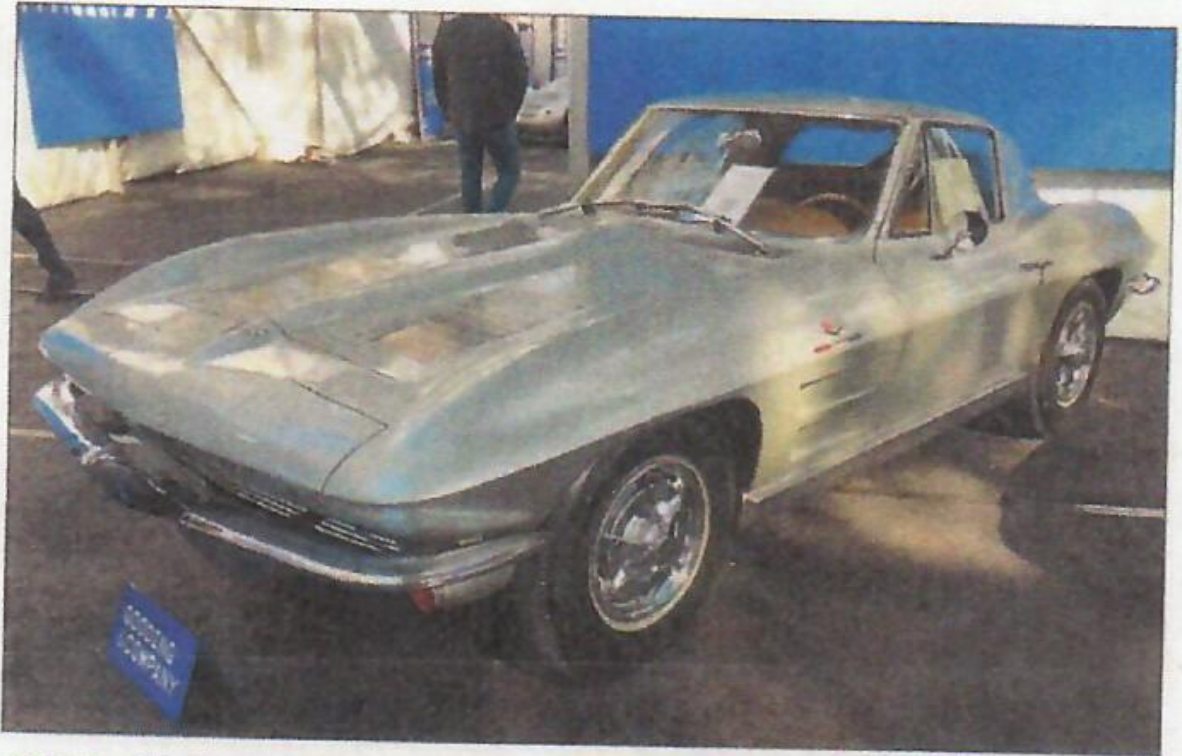
- Name 4 of the remaining 6 exterior colors offered in 1963.
 - Tuxedo Black**
 - Silver Blue**
 - Daytona Blue**
 - Riverside Red**
 - Saddle Tan**
 - Ermine White**
- Name the 4 vinyl interior colors offered in 1963.
 - Black**
 - Red**
 - Saddle Tan**
 - Dark Blue**

Which of these 4 interior colors was the only color offered in leather in 1963?

- Saddle**



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1963 CHEVROLET CORVETTE

Condition: Original/#1

Selling Price: \$1,242,500

Reserve: Undisclosed

Avg. Market Range: \$300,000 - \$500,000

Gooding delivered not one, but two special Corvettes to bidders for the Amelia Island sale; the second being this 1963 “split-window” coupe. Frankly, we were amazed to see the house estimate of \$750,000 - \$900,000 exceed the stated market range, and that was prior to it hitting the stage lamps. Talk about hot. It scorched a shadow onto the platform when the gavel rang out its “sold” tune. Why? It may have been a 360-hp 327 fuel-injected Vette on the surface, but this was one of 199 Z06 models and, of those, the only one built in Sebring Silver over Saddle Tan leather interior. It was also a true all-original, less than 5,400 miles, three-owner car laden with Bloomington Gold and NCRS accolades. Yeah — this was hot for a reason.

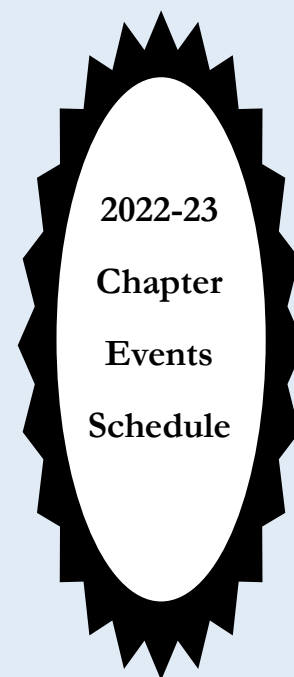


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- Apr 8 Chapter Meeting
- May 13 Chapter Meeting
- Jun 1-3 Pittsburgh Tri State-Regional – Altoona, PA
- Jun 3 Midway USA Chapter Annual All Corvette Show
- Jun 8-10 North Carolina Regional – Rochester, MN
- Jun 10 Chapter Meeting
- Jul 23-27 NCRS National Convention – French Lick, IN





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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.

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