



Midway USA Tune Up

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Chairman Ramblings — Rick Smiley

Happy New Year everyone!

Hope everyone had a terrific Christmas. How many of you woke up to a new C8 in the garage?? Or a new anything in the garage??

How about that Chili feed at our annual Christmas Party? I am here to tell you, those were some good chilies and soups! I don't want to leave out the terrific appetizers and desserts either. Our club sure has some great cooks!

Thanks also to everyone with donations to the Wichita Women's Crisis Center. Mike Rowley had a full pickup bed that he delivered to the center. Mike said they were super appreciative of our

donations and support.

So, what is in store for 2025? January will bring a tech session on how to use the rivet tool we have seen advertised in our Driveline. Personally, I am looking forward to seeing how this tool actually works. After that, who knows what our teaching maestro, Dave Houlihan, has in store for us. I do know we have a Judging School and Flight Judging in the spring and fall in Tulsa, OK; a Regional in Springfield, MO in July; and the Last Blast mini-regional in Lincoln, NE. Not bad for starters, and I am sure at some point we will have a Flight Judging event of our own this year.

For years, I and others have missed the Joplin Regional

as it was always a great event. I am in hopes the new Springfield Regional will fill this void and become an annual event. I am also looking forward to seeing a lot of our chapter members there as the hotel rates are super reasonable and it is a relatively short drive from Wichita.

For those members who have earned 100 points, or will earn that number at the Springfield Regional, you will receive your Master Judges Hat! Hey, a Regional does not get any closer than this.

Well, that is it for January 2025. Hope to see everyone's smiling face on the 11th, at the same place, same time.

Smiley



2025 Dues are now Past Due

I failed to put a reminder into the December 2024 newsletter about the 2025 Dues being due. Many of you have already renewed your dues for 2025. Thank you to those that have already renewed. For those of you that have not renewed, it is not too late. Please bring your 2025 dues (\$25) to the January meeting. If you can't make the January meeting, please mail your 2025 dues to:

Dallas Keller
13502 Rolling Hills Drive
Wichita, KS 67235
Or Contact Dallas for alternative ways to pay.

Did You Know?

This month we are going to check your knowledge on gas tanks between 1953-2025 (Excluding 1983).

1. What size gas tank (in gallons) was standard in 21 of the 72 years? (Most common size?)
 - A. 16.4 Gallons
 - B. 18.0 Gallons
 - C. 18.4 Gallons
 - D. 20.0 Gallons
2. How many different size gas tanks have been available?
 - A. 9
 - B. 10
 - C. 11
 - D. 12
3. How many years were multiple size gas tanks available?
 - A. 7 Years
 - B. 8 Years
 - C. 9 Years
 - D. 10 Years

(Answers on Page 3)

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

2025

Jan 11	Chapter Meeting
Jan 15-18	Florida Regional—Melbourne, FL
Feb 8	Chapter Meeting
Mar 8	Chapter Meeting
Apr 3-5	Carolinas Regional—Clemson Univ., SC
Apr 12	Chapter Meeting
May 1-3	Arizona Regional—Glendale, AZ
May 10	Chapter Meeting
Jun 14	Chapter Meeting

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Midway USA Chapter Merchandise

Midway USA Name Tag

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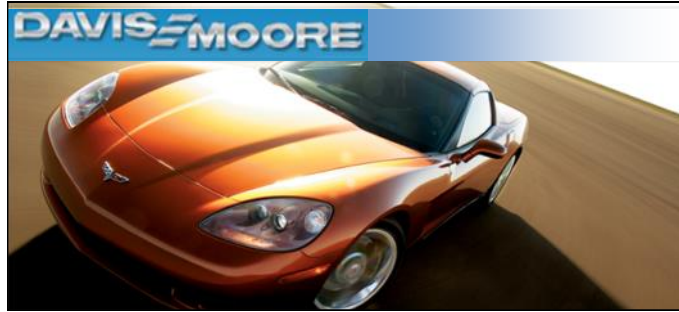
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January 2025—NCRS Happy 2025! Judging Chairman Dave Houlihan

And another one rolls around. As someone's Face Book post said, " 2024 went by so fast I didn't have time to loose weight!" I don't think things are going to slow down in 2025 either.

We will start off 2025 with a Tech Session - Reducing Humidity and Oil in Compressed Air. So be sure you are present for the January 2025 meeting on January 11, either in person or via Zoom.

By time you read this, you'll most likely have your paper copies of Restorer and Driveline. NCRS web site had electronic versions up a few days before Christmas.

Close-by, we have a Regional in Springfield, Missouri July 17-19. This is at Springfield Expo Center - Tony Stein, our Region VII Representative, has highlighted this joint effort by Kansas City and St Louis Chapters during our Midway-USA past monthly Zoom meetings. Registration forms are in your current Driveline - ALTHOUGH, Dust off your keyboards, Family Registration via paper is \$130, while on-line registration is \$105. (Talk about sending a message...)

Florida Regional is January 15-18 in Melbourne, FL (Car registrations closed in late December - don't know if you can still register on-line.) April 3-5 is Carolinas' Regional at Clemson University. May 1-3 is Arizona's Regional in Glendale, AZ.

Our National this year returns to South Point Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Later this year, September 7-11. Registration and event details are in January-February 2025 Driveline.

Oklahoma Chapter's Spring meet will be in May. Midway-USA currently does not have a judging meet scheduled - hint hint need a car!

Potential tech sessions might be rivet installation in confined places, testing electrical gauges, andNEED SUGGESTIONS and presenters.

All the best to you in 2025. Dave

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3. How many years were multiple size gas tanks available? **C. 9 (1959, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1970 In 1970, a 17 gallon tank was available in California.)**



Midway USA Christmas Party

The Midway USA Christmas Party was held on December 14, 2024, at Dale's HOA Clubhouse. Thanks to Dale for arranging for us to be able to use the clubhouse. It has always been a great place to meet. Thanks also to De and Jim Coote for supplying the table decorations. There were 8 different pots of Chili and Soup. We also had a variety of desserts and appetizers. Everything I ate was delicious. No one should have left the party hungry. We have always had a great turnout at the Christmas party not only in people but also in the variety of food brought by our members. I think everyone had a good time.





There are no meeting minutes from the December meeting since it was mainly a Christmas Party.



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

BradHillhouse@yahoo.com

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.
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- 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
- Aug 9 Chapter Meeting
- Sep 7-11 NCRS National, South Pointe Casino, Las Vegas, NV.
- Sep 13 Chapter Meeting
- Oct 11 Chapter Meeting
- Oct 23-25 Texas Regional—Frisco, TX
- Nov 8 Chapter Meeting
- Nov 13 Chapter Christmas Party





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:**

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