



Midway USA Tune Up

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Chairman Ramblings — Rick Smiley

How about that January meeting? It was cold as heck and we still had a great crowd! Not only did we have a great crowd but we had one heck of a tech session. It was on eliminating water condensation from the air compressor, so when you paint you do not get water droplets from your spray gun.

You will not want to miss the February meeting, because Dave Houlihan our illustrious judging chair will be presenting out first judging school of the year. I am sure it will be a good one!

We also were privileged to a slide show and history of Anthony Middendorf's 1958 fuel injected, big brake restoration. I might add

that this is a beautiful car and we as a chapter are excited to see it in person.

Tony Stein informed us of a new Master Judges' shirt that will replace the older polo style shirts and it comes in tall sizes which the older polo's did not. I am sure Kerri will have a photo in the newsletter. Pricing will be \$40 for the shirt and \$15 if you want your name embroidered on it. **This discounted price will only last long.** So if anyone is interested please let me know as soon as possible. I will need size, judging level that you have been awarded and if you want your name on it.

I was watching Barret Jackson over the weekend and if any of our members had thoughts about ordering

ZR1 #001, I am sorry to inform you that Hendricks has already bought it for the bargain price of \$3.7 million. Sorry you will have to settle for #002????? While I am talking about this action, it is hard for me to believe just have much resto mod Corvettes bring. I did not see one go for less the \$200K, they were usually much more than this. They made the prices of an original car seem like a bargain. I know John Jones and Dave Funston were there and I thought Casey Coats was going as well. It will be interesting to hear their stories from the auction and if they bought anything?

As you can tell I am scratching for items to write about, so if you have

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Ramblings (Continued)

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anything you would like to share with us, please submit it to Kerri and you will not have to suffer threw my Ramblings!!!!

That is all I can think of.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 8th same time same place.

Rick Smiley
Chairman



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

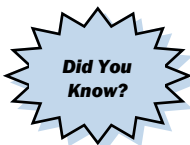
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Did You Know?

True False: In the '96 Grand Sport, the race stripe stay the same width across the entire car?



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Judging Chairman Article, Dave Houlihan - February 2024 -- New NCRS Software

Plan to have an "Introduction to Flight Judging" school after February's meeting. If you can't be there, it will be on our meeting's Zoom link.

NCRS' National website sports new software. Our old Technical Discussion Board was getting pretty long-in-the-tooth and challenging for our IT folks to maintain. Of course, our new web site navigates a little different than our old. With new, we have some features that (should) make your surfing experience better. I'm still sorting out some of our "search" functions, but all-in-all things got better.

You still need to sign-in for on-line event registration. **You also should sign-in if you're going to use NCRS Store.** NCRS store prices have two different values - **one price for members**, a different higher price for non-members. You must log-in to get member prices.

Another "Service" that frequently gets used are downloads of judging sheets. On our old board they could be found on a drop-down menu under "Services". On our new website **FRONT PAGE** this still holds true. However, if you are on our Technical Discussion Board, then (currently) "Services" drop-down menu apparently doesn't have a link to Judging Sheets. On Tech Board "Services" drop-down, if you click on **ANY** of those other links, then a page will open up with that services you clicked on. **HOWEVER**, on that new page there is also a drop-down menu for "Services". That page's "Services" will show links to Judging Sheets.

If I've managed to confuse you enough, and you need practice Judging Sheets, then give me a call/email and I'll get you what you need!

No change from our old Technical Discussion Board, is a **VERY USEFUL** "Database of Restoration Documents". I've asked Kerri to attach a pdf listing those documents. Take a look at titles - might help your work. If you click on attached pdf links they will download/take you to that information. **ONLY IF YOU ARE LOGGED INTO NCRS' WEB SITE.** On our Technical Discussion Board page, these links are found as a "Sticky".

Old Technical Informational Manual and Judging Guides

FYI: Note to Self - Before you toss that old Judging Guide, check to see what you have. A while back, NCRS **STOPPED INCLUDING** applicable Service Bulletins to our new/revised Technical Informational Manual and Judging Guides (TIMJG). As these TIMJGs have grown with improved color pictures, etc., the page count began to exceed what our vendors could print in a single volume. Thus some later TIMJG revisions **MAY NOT INCLUDE** applicable Service Bulletins. Thought being, NCRS might publish Service Bulletins as a separate volume. So.., before you toss - you might want to see what you have.

Tulsa Chapter Spring Chapter Judging Meet

Spring Chapter Judging 2025

The Oklahoma Chapter Spring Judging 2025 will be held at Dominic's Building at 8515 E. Skelly Dr. It will be a 2 day 5 judging point event on Friday, May 16th and Saturday, May 17th. Registration will start May 1st. The Friday afternoon and Saturday morning schedule will allow out of town entrants travel time with only 1 night in a hotel.

Friday Event Schedule

12:00 – Arrival time for judged cars

12:00 - 1:00 – Owners and Judges check in

1:00 – Owner and Judges Meeting with Operation Checks outside and car placement inside. When complete, then Flight Judging of 2 sections on each car.

4:30 – Judging Seminar (0 judging points)

5:30 to 6:30 – Catered BBQ dinner. This is a club wide event with all club members, wives, and or girlfriends invited to attend. Please register for event to attend dinner even if you are not judging.

6:45 - 7:00 – Arrival time to view the John Neas Classic Corvette and Dragster Collection at 2136 E. 69th St. At sunset, approximately 8:24 pm John will fire up one of his fire breathing nitro-fueled vintage dragsters. This should be a can't miss event.

Saturday Event Schedule

8:00 - 9:00 – Judges Check in

9:00 – Judging School (1 judging point)

10:00 – Flight Judging 2 sections on each car.

12:00 – Catered Pizza

1:00 – Finish Judging, tabulation and Award Presentation.

Please think about judging or entering a car for judging. I will be accepting 4 Corvettes to judge with first entered getting the spots. Meet will be online at ncrs.org to register on May 1st. Any questions contact me.

Gene Holtz (10606) - Oklahoma Chapter Judging Chairman

For those of you that have not renewed your dues, it is not too late. Please bring your 2025 dues (\$25) to the February 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

**Pay thru PayPal:
Send money to
MidwayUSANCRS@gmail.com**

Swap-N-Shop Wanted

Unloved Corvette Wanted

I know that the C3 body style, particularly the plastic bumper 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



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1959 Corvette Crown Sapphire Turquoise
1 full gallon - Mixed on 10/07/1982
\$100.00
Kent - (316) 393-2192

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**
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Just For Fun



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 Jim Coote-Secretary

The January 2025 monthly meeting was held on the 11th and called to order at 9:05 AM by our chapter Chairman, Rick Smiley. There were 21 members in attendance, 14 physically and 7 by way of Zoom.

Rick welcomed everybody, especially those who ventured out in questionable weather.

Apparently, most thought it not too bad as we still had 14 present, not too far off from our normal physical attendance. Two of our most prominent members were not in attendance. I'll let you figure out who they are!

Rick reminded everyone of Dale's monthly commitment to the club, especially to those on Zoom, to ready the electronics for the meeting. He's at our meeting place at 7:30 in the morning to do this! It's not 'cause he's dumb or slow, (he's not), it's because it takes a lot of time to set everything up. And look how great it works. We really do appreciate your IT skills, Dale, and your commitment to the club.

Rick appreciated everyone showing up to the meeting as he "claimed" he had a bad week and needed to be around some people he liked. He wasn't referring to his lovely wife, Bev. I guess he was making references to some of the hired help around his home lately. Like the furnace replacement crew. Guess he wasn't aware that after living in a home for a while, items like furnaces and other appliances give out. Kinda like some occupants!

Tony Stein, Region VII director, on Zoom, was welcomed by Rick and asked if he had any words of wisdom. Wrong question! It started out with something about Tony's bad breath, which I was not aware could be detected on Zoom, but that's how it started! Tony kinda updated us on a recent 3-1/2 hour Zoom meeting he had with the National Organization. Tony is replacing Mike Tulley, the former Vice President. Guess Mike wanted to spend more time with his family! Isn't that always the reason why important people resign their office?

Tony said the organization is working to improve its visibility. As we all know, we are viewed by outsiders as a little over the top. You know, "the original didn't have zerk fittings"! The board even decided that in order to present a better image, our judges should all wear the same shirt which will display the level of judge they have achieved. We'll see if that helps our image!

From Tony, Rick went to Anthony Middendorf to have him tell us about his '58 that is about to be finished in a Corvette shop in Indiana. Dale worked with Anthony to show slides of the car during its restoration. It was awesome. So is the car's history. We can't wait to see the car in its finished state, hopefully at the Regional in Springfield, Missouri in July or maybe a chapter meet before that.

Rick asked Mike Rowley, our Events Coordinator and Membership Chairman, if he had any news for us about anything. First off he said that he has been working with the Automotive Restoration Program at McPherson College for us to arrange a trip there for a visit. They are in the process of redoing a C-3 and Mike has taken his up there to help them answer some of their questions. Dave Houlihan and Rick also made a trip up there to share with them some of NCRS printed help materials.

Mike then reported our current membership so far for 2025 which is 36. Eight have yet to renew, some of whom have committed to do so.

Gene Holtz of Oklahoma advised us that they will be having a Judging Event, May 16 & 17th in Tulsa, same place, same good time as in the past. Those last seven words are mine, not Gene's, and are based on reports from those who have attended past events organized by Gene.

Mike McFarland, without the help of Brad Hillhouse since he was not in attendance via Zoom, advised that their club had no plans yet for a Spring Event. However, their thinking is working on a one day, 3-point event. Of course they will keep us informed.

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Dr. Pete Gimenez of Omaha was asked for his morning thoughts. Like most of those who reside in Nebraska, there was a long pause, apparently taking time to judge their audience. Impatient Rick asked about the book Pete has been working on. No, he's not finished accumulating C-3 facts yet, but he is gathering some information on SR2 cars, not the new ones, the ones created back in 1956! Since Rick's history with Vettes has been racing, he let the Dr. talk about the SR2's with and without fuel injection and 4 speed transmissions. Dr., you need to finish writing the C-3 book before you start on one about SR2, but we would like to see both when you're ready.

Our club's Treasurer, Dallas Keller, responded to Rick's request for a report by telling us that our account shows that there is \$4,293.17 in checking and \$100 in savings. This is what's left after Christmas expenses for the club's celebration and after some deposits from member's dues.

Mike Rowley remembered to remind us that we are scheduled to resume our AAH this January. We are scheduled for the 4th Thursday of the month, January 23rd, at Spears Restaurant. If you haven't been attending, try it this Month. Spears is on Maple, south side of the street, just west of West Street.

Seth Paulsen, our Vice President, was asked how he was doing with hooking up with PayPal. He has been struggling, he claims, with trying to undo his first attempt getting us hooked up as a "small business" and re-hooking us up as an Individual Account. Hope you understand what he's talking about 'cause I'm lost. Now our Treasurer is accepting deposits to his private PP account on behalf of the club. Do we need an auditor?

Rick asked his quiet wife Bev, if she had anything to report on our Facebook, and of course she remained quiet. But not Tony. He commented how much he enjoys what's on there and her continued monitoring of it. Others mumbled agreement, so Bev, keep up the good work and the board will come up with a title for you so that you can be listed in the News Letter under "Officers & Committee Chairs" on the second page of the monthly publication.

Seth was asked about his 1969 Hard top, which, when he's not flying overhead, claims to be working on it. He's wanting to drive it to some monthly meeting and get assistance in removing the hard top. Now wait. Seth, if you can't remove the top by yourself, should you be working on it alone? Or are you just revealing to us how much the car needs in the way of making it road worthy?

Rick is so excited about the KC & St Louis regional to be held in Springfield, Missouri this July he had to give us a brief review again. And Tony jumped in to remind us the hotel is only \$129. "And that includes a hot breakfast!" A "hot" breakfast in a motel is one step up from what I get at home, but even then, it doesn't compare with one of the many "Jimmy's" restaurants in Wichita! Rick encouraged all of us to try and attend this new location for a close by regional.

Rick noticed Stanley Schield's '67 Black car on Stan's Zoom background and had to drool over it again. If Rick would just sell half of his vehicles, I think he could entice Stan to sell it to him. Stan indicated he had some issues with acquiring decent spark plug wires and radio suppressors. He was asked if he would be able to attend the Springfield Regional, but that is his busiest part of the year for acquiring more funds to purchase Vettes. He didn't say that, I did, but that's what he meant!

And with that, Rick turned over the meeting at 11:00 to Dave Houlihan so that he and Dale could show us how to rig up a pipe system on half of our garage wall to assure we have a dry compressor system in order to paint our next car. I wonder if Dave has seen Roy Ester paint a C2, which can't be much different than painting a C3.

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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
Dec 13	Chapter Christmas Party



Did You Know?

True False: In the '96 Grand Sport, the race stripe stays the same width across the entire car?

False: The stripe gets wider up the hood, and narrower over the roof, and again wider in the back of the car.



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.

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

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