



Midway USA Tune Up

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Midway Chapter Meeting
July 9, 2022 9AM
Davis-Moore Chevrolet

Chairman Ramblings- Rick Smiley

Is it me or did June just fly by? We started the month with the NEW ZO-6 display at Davis-Moore Chevrolet and I have to say this Corvette is awesome!!!!!! I was surprised with the visual display that surrounded the car. Everything that you needed to properly order your C-8 was there to see. The sound of the flat plan crank motor @ 3000 rpm was sooo sweet. Pretty sure my wife would get in trouble with the law with this car. I mean you are way over the speed limit before you get to second gear. Yea, "I wish I had one in my garage" is an understatement!!!

Our annual All Corvette Car Show at Davis-Moore on June 4th was rained out and what a nice day it turned out to be. But never fear, we just moved the show to June 18th. It too was a nice day, only a little HOTTER!

We had 51 cars eligible for awards and door prizes. For the first time Chapter cars were eligible for a Chapter Member's Award. There were 14 Chapter cars in attendance. So, if anyone is counting, that was a total of 65 Corvettes at our show. To be technically correct, only 64 were Corvette cars. The other entry was Corvette BOAT! Congratulations to all the winners. I would be remiss if I did not thank Jonathan and Davis-Moore for their hard work moving vehicles around so that our car show could be a success. And a special thanks to all our members that helped set up. And to Kerri and Dallas for hauling and storing all the tables and tents that are put to good use during the show.

After all these years, two members finally found their calling: First is Marsha

Rowley with the BULL HORN. From now on they are a couple. During the show Marsha promoted our 50/50 pot and a fantastic job she did. The other person is Dale Green. I never knew he was such an announcer as he presented our winner's trophies and what a job he did. What I am saying is, he IS the announcer from now on. Really a great job. Thank you everyone.

Then there was Bloomington Gold. Although I have not seen the official results (I am sure there will be an article in the newsletter), I want to congratulate Brad Hillhouse and Mike McFarland on their achievements at the Bloomington Gold event.

For a finale to June, we had our Attitude Adjustment Hour at a new location, Biggs Bar and Grill. Finally we

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could talk to everyone around the tables plus they had a larger selection of meals to choose from. In talks with Mike Rowley, next month's AAH will also be at Biggs. Hope to see everyone there.

July will definitely slow down for our Chapter after our July 9th meeting, as most all activities stop for Nationals. I want to wish all our members heading to Mobile, Alabama a safe and fun trip.

Looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling face at our July 9th meeting.

Rick Smiley
Chairman



Did You Know?

SHOW BIZ!!!!!!!

1. What year was the first time a Corvette appeared in a film?
A. 1955
B. 1957
C. 1959
D. 1961
2. **True** or False: A 1966 Corvette C2 Sting Ray was driven by Letty Ortiz in *The Fate of the Furious*.
3. In the 1997 movie *Con Air*, DEA Agent Duncan Malloy drove what year Corvette?
A. 1957 Corvette
B. 1960 Corvette
C. 1967 Corvette
D. 1970 Corvette
4. True or **False**: A TV show aired in the 1980s called "Route 81" that featured a Corvette.

(See Page 10 for Answers)

Did You Know?

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

Jul 9	Chapter Meeting
Jul 24-28	National NCRS Convention—Mobile, AL
Aug 13	Chapter Meeting
Aug 18-20	Northwest Regional—Redwood, OR
Sep 10	Chapter Meeting
Oct 8	Chapter Meeting
Oct 20-22	Texas Regional—Frisco, TX
Nov 12	Chapter Meeting
Dec 10	Chapter Meeting
Dec ??	Christmas Party

Midway USA Chapter of NCRS, Inc. Established January 28th, 2009 Officers & Committee Chairs

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Midway USA Chapter Merchandise

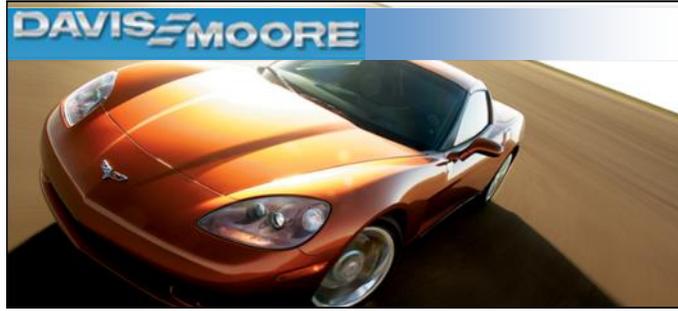
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Midway USA Chapter Annual Car Show—Pictures by Kent Michael

The Midway USA Chapter of NCRS annual car show was held June 18th, 2022, after being postponed due to early morning rain on June 4th. Weather was probably the best we have had for the car show with light breeze and mid to upper 80's. We were able to have tents without the worry of them blowing away and damaging the Corvettes that proud owners presented at the show. In total, 64 Corvette cars, representing all 8 generations, and 1 Corvette boat showed up at our show. Erin, representing the Tyler O'Reilly's store, supplied pulled pork sandwiches, potato medley, cole slaw, and green beans for lunch. Chapter member Mike with Norland Pure in Lincoln, Nebraska donated water bottles with the Midway USA logo on the bottle. Thanks Mike. We sold the meals and drinks with the profits being donated to the American Cancer Society. Proceeds from registration and 50/50 pot will also be donated to the American Cancer Society. Members gathered door prizes from local restaurants and businesses. Marsha "manned" the Blow Horn, advertising the 50/50 pot. Thanks to everyone that helped!



Midway USA Chapter Annual Car Show—Pictures by Kent Michael (Continued)







NCRS Nebraska Chapter

"LAST BLAST 2022"

Two Day Super Chapter

Flight & Concours Judging Meet

Commonwealth Flight Hangar - Lincoln Nebraska

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday & Saturday, September 23 & 24, 2022

Registration Opens August 1, 2022

Concours, Sportsman & MOE Corvettes welcome!

Corvettes from all 5 Generations for judging

NCRS members from 8+ states at this meet

Three Judging & Tech Schools on Friday & Saturday

1953 Corvette under restoration on display

NEW FOR 2022: Thursday night Welcome Barbecue & Social

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Friday night banquet & charity auction

All meals included with your registration

More information: **www.NCRSNebraska.com**

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

Event Contact:

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Your Midway USA/Nebraska Chapter was on the move in June and headed for Bloomington Gold. Driving three trucks and trailers, Mike McFarland, Brad Hillhouse, Gary Neimanis & Craig Stephan headed east for Bloomington Gold 2022. For the 50th Anniversary of the event, Bloomington Gold moved back to Bloomington/Normal, Illinois where it all started 50 years ago. In previous years Bloomington Gold had been held at Pheasant Run Resort, Indianapolis 500 track, and the Lucas Oil Stadium. This year the show went back to its roots but instead of being at the fairgrounds, it was held on the campus of Illinois State University in Bloomington, Illinois. Certification judging was held in the 10,500 seat Redbird Arena that normally hosts Illinois State basketball and volleyball games. Although the other prior outdoor venues were larger in size, it was a blessing being inside in the air conditioning and shielded from inclement weather.

The event kicked off on Thursday night with the Gold Collection Gala which was held next door at the Illinois State Bone Student Center. This was a combination cocktail party and Corvette display featuring Corvette race cars, unique one-off cars, GM styling cars, and many more. These Corvettes reside with private collectors and museums across the country and seeing such an incredible collection of cars all in one location was quite spectacular.

All three days the swap meet was packed with new and used parts vendors completely filling the swap meet area just outside Redbird Arena. Although there were complaints in prior years about the lack of vendors attending, I think it was more due to covid concerns than anything else. We walked the swap meet area all three days and vendors seemed to be selling at a brisk pace. We purchased a truck bed full of Corvette parts on Thursday and more again on Friday & Saturday. It did rain on Friday and dampened some spirits, but the hardy swappers were back in full force on Saturday. Every vendor I talked to said that they were glad they attended and wished they had brought more parts to sell.

A variety of technical classes were presented to educate owners on different facets of Corvette ownership. One class was lead by Al Grenning, President of Classic Car Affirmation Service. Al is widely known as a leading provider for the affirmation of engine stamp pads, trim tags, Protect-O-Plates and several forms of manufacturer's documentation. Al used Mike's 1972 for a portion of his training class and people were lined up 3 deep to see and hear the presentation on original engine stamp pads.

On Friday, Brad judged the C4-5 Corvette class for Gold Certification. There were 6 Corvettes for Gold judging including a 1990 Corvette Challenge Racecar. There were several familiar faces from NCRS events being judged in this class, and one lady that had been to Bloomington Gold many times with her father but had never heard of NCRS before. This was a perfect opportunity to share NCRS with her and she joined national and purchased a 94-96 TIMJG from Dave King who had the NCRS store set up selling NCRS books and merchandise.

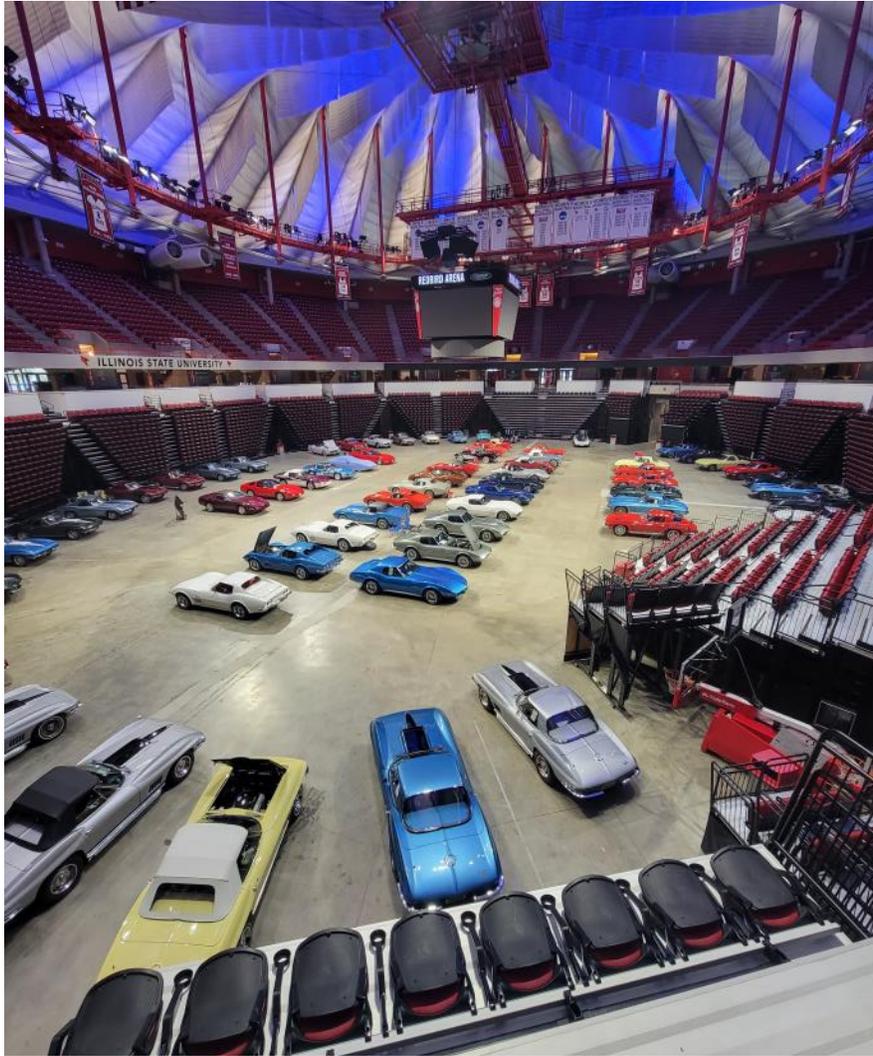
Midway USA/Nebraska Chapter members Brad Hillhouse & Mike McFarland brought Corvettes for Bloomington Gold judging. Brad had two 1979's judged - a silver L48 for Survivor status, and a blue L82 (previously judged Top flight in Midway USA 2021) for Certification and Survivor - Both cars received Gold level. Mike had his 1972 LT1 factory A/C Corvette judged for Certification and Survivor. **Mike's car also received Gold Level.** Corvettes that meet Gold Status in Certification and Survivor, are eligible for "Benchmark" judging. Both Mike's '72 LT1 and Brad's 79 L82 received Benchmark status. Awards were presented by Guy Larsen, President of Bloomington Gold and Mecum Auction's John Kraman.

All in all, it was a great weekend of Corvettes, friends, and fun. You should make plans to attend Bloomington Gold 2023 in Bloomington Illinois.

Mike McFarland # 59330 & Brad Hillhouse #37766







Swap-N-Shop Wanted

Unloved Corvette Wanted

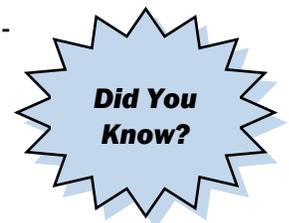
I know that the C3 body style, particularly the plastic bumpers ones are the ugliest and most unloved Corvettes of all time. Underpowered, uninspired styling, boring, I've heard it all. Regardless, I love the C3 body style and want to learn more about them by purchasing, repairing, preserving and then 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!

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Did You Know Answers (Continued from Page 2)

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1. What year was the first time a Corvette appeared in a film?
A. 1955
2. **True:** A 1966 Corvette C2 Sting Ray was driven by Letty Ortiz in *The Fate of the Furious*.
3. In the 1997 movie *Con Air*, DEA Agent Duncan Malloy drove what year Corvette?
C. 1967 Corvette
4. **False:** A TV show aired in the 1980s called "Route 81" that featured a Corvette.



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4 Stanchions
\$125.00 Firm
Dave Dennis
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Services Available

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.

Bowtie Breast Cancer Awareness Pins



\$5.00 each



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Meeting Minutes - Midway USA Chapter of NCRS, Inc.

Minutes Prepared by Jim Coote

The June 2022 monthly meeting was held on the 11th and called to order at 9:00 A.M. by our chapter Chairman, Rick Smiley. There were 14 in attendance, including 2 by way of Zoom, our usual standby, Mike Harrington from Melbourne, Florida, and a newbie, our VP, Seth Paulsen.

Old and New Business:

Rick noted that Brad Hillhouse was at Bloomington Gold and Gene Holtz and Manny Hernandez were at a show in Norman, OK. He welcomed everybody as he usually does and once again thanked Dale Green for all that he does to make the wanderers be able to join us via Zoom. Later in the meeting we learned that Dale gets to Davis-Moore at 7:30 in order to set up and be ready for the 9 AM meeting. That's dedication. We all thank you Dale and some of us wish we had the ability to do what you can do.

Dale was asked if he had any updates or comments on our membership, but he replied that everything is the same. Guess we are holding at 45 members. That's a big number so it's surprising that our attendance today is so low. Guess good weather beckons us all to get out and forget what we have been fighting the past two years! That's why I'm going to miss next week's All Corvette Car Show!

Our Vice President and Face Book IT person, Seth Paulsen, was asked to update us on how the site was doing, but Seth didn't have much to report. Although several of the public Corvette enthusiasts have dropped in, no one has apparently inquired about the local club. Keep up the good work Seth but keep your eye on the sky while flying. Cell phones on the highway are distractive enough!

Mike Harrington was asked if he had anything to say, but we didn't hear a word his mouth was expressing. Guess he never did figure out his speaker was not coming through to us.

Mike Rowley, our Events Coordinator, was asked about the upcoming car shows, ours and the Lake Afton All Wheels Car Show. Our show, originally scheduled for June 4 was rescheduled to June 18 due to rain while the Lake Afton is a "rain or shine" show event tomorrow. The Corvette clubs are collecting show-goers at the Goddard High School parking lot on the south side of Hi-Way 54 at 8:45 AM, leaving for Lake Afton at 9:15.

Mike sure wants us to go to Salina one of these days as he has found another reason for us to make an event out of it. You remember the plane/auto collection he has tried to gather interest in? Well, he now has uncovered two brothers who have a large collection of cars and who welcome viewers frequently every year. I think before Mike resigns his post (you remember our Judging Co-Chairman) we ought to agree to make the trip. I'm all in, Mike, even at \$5 a gallon.

Rick asked Mike if he had heard any more from the lady who wanted to rent Carl Alter's 1963 Vette for a Father's Day thrill for her dad. Apparently, Mike scared her off on her initial request by telling her how much they were worth, as he hasn't heard from her anymore. I'm surprised Rick didn't jump on it earlier as his '63 hasn't earned him anything for a long time!

Mike's looking into trying a different place for our 4th Thursday of the month Attitude Adjustment Hour meetings since the last few left us wanting some quiet time. It's hard to find a quiet bar I guess, but Mike doesn't give up easily, so watch for an email later this month.

The Treasurer, Dallas Keller, was asked for his report which he graciously gave us. After purchasing soft drinks for the upcoming car show and some 2-gallon buckets to make weights for the tents, the account has \$3,020.77 in it alongside \$100.00 in savings. Amongst other details about the car show, Dallas said that Mike McFarland of Lincoln, Nebraska was furnishing the bottled water. Thanks Mike. Will it still be cold when it makes it down here?

As usual, the Secretary was asked if he had anything to say, and for a change he did. He decided to give his three-year advanced notice of retiring from the volunteered position

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since he didn't think a 90-year-old should be expected to perform adequately. Apparently, he has a birth date approaching and did some math which was a little scary! There was no argument as the Chairman already had somebody picked out.

Rick mentioned that Bob Demmel had contacted him looking for pictures of Kurt Geis's 1972 Corvette, apparently wanting to do something in the way of a memorial at the Mobile, AL National Meeting for Kurt. This is the year that the National event is honoring the '72's so guess Bob is trying to do something for his old friend. If you find that you have a picture of Kurt's '72, let Rick know. Rick helped Kurt with his car at the Nationals in Kansas City when Kurt had it judged. Someone should have a picture of that.

Rick used the chassis judging at the Keller's last month to segue into Bev's new role as Judging Chairwoman. Bev announced that we had two cars coming up to judge, but not until after Nationals, Mike Rowley's C-3 and Brad's C-4. Dallas mentioned again that the two cars in Salina are nearing judging status, but they too will have to wait until at least August.

Rick asked Dave Houlihan to tell us a little of what he was trying to learn at the McPherson college on restoring automobiles. I hope the knowledge he is gaining is in sync with what he has already done on his C-4 so that he doesn't have to start over!

At 10:10, one hour and ten minutes after Rick opened the meeting, he ended it! It was short, but sweet. Hope to see everyone here in July, the second Saturday of the month, that being July 9th.

SCAMMERS ARE EVERYWHERE—Brad Hillhouse

Just a short note to caution all NCRS members about the abundance of scams and spams going on out there right now. Currently there is a scam asking NCRS members to buy gift cards for the chapter to give out at a chapter event. The email is very convincing, and it is quite believable.

Please know that NO ONE IN THE NCRS CHAPTER WILL ASK YOU TO GO BUY GIFTCARDS! EVER!



This scam is quite prevalent, and I know of another chapter that was defrauded for \$600 in cards by a scammer that took advantage of someone that fell for the email. If you receive an email from any NCRS member asking you for anything like this, please notify the Chapter chairman or other officers immediately as it is a scam.

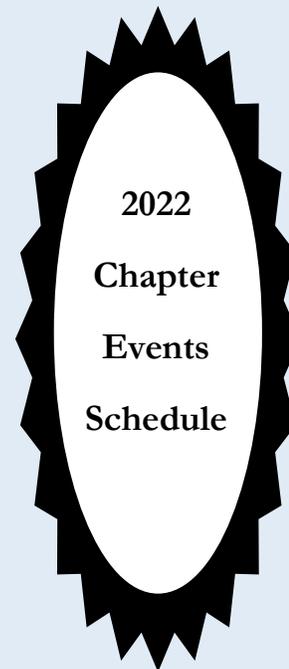
Secondly, there is a ton of scammers posting legitimate looking ads on Facebook marketplace, Facebook Corvette parts groups, as well as other online trading sites. PLEASE BE CAREFUL! With the advent of eBay 20 years ago, we became used to sending money to strangers and receiving our parts in the mail. With eBay, a purchaser had protection against fraud in most cases. On Facebook, people will set up fake accounts, screen shot legitimate photos of Corvettes or Corvette parts for sale and then list them at a low price thru the fake account. They ask for online payment or "pay me a deposit now because I have someone else coming to buy it tonight" to get you to commit financially. Once you have paid, they delete their account and you are out the money. Another tip to spot a scam is that they want to be paid thru Zelle or Venmo. These forms of payment have no guarantee or recourse if the seller doesn't hold up their end of the bargain. I use PayPal and I always pay the extra goods and services fee, even if the seller does not want me to do so. PayPal will act as an intermediary, and I can also fall back on my credit card company if there is a problem and issue a refund if the seller does not respond to your complaint if you use "goods and services". If the seller wants you to send payment as "friends and family" PayPal does not guarantee your payment and you can be out the money if the seller is fraudulent.

Online purchases are how we do business in 2022, but be careful and know who you are dealing with to make sure you have a good buying experience.

Midway USA Calendar of Events - 2020

2022

- Jul 9 Chapter Meeting
- Jul 24-28 NCRS National Convention – Mobile, Alabama
- Jul 28 Attitude Adjustment for those not at Nationals
- Aug 13 Chapter Meeting
- Aug 18-20 Northwest Regional – Redmond, Oregon
- Aug 25 Attitude Adjustment
- Sep10 Chapter Meeting
- Sep 22 Attitude Adjustment
- Oct 8 Chapter Meeting
- Oct 20-22 Texas Regional – Frisco, Texas
- Oct 27 Attitude Adjustment
- Nov 12 Chapter Meeting
- Dec 10 Chapter Meeting





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 Davis-Moore Chevrolet 8200 West Kellogg.

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 \$50.00 Register by Phone (513) 760-6277

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