



Midway USA Tune Up

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Midway Chapter Meeting, Judging School, & Concours Judging September 10, 2022 9AM

Davis-Moore Chevrolet

Chairman Ramblings- Rick Smiley

Congratulations to our members who received awards at Nationals. I apologize for this being so general but there were so many awards earned that if I mention them by name, I know I will miss someone. Again, congratulations to you all.

As much as it pains me, I must make a correction to something I had said in last month's newsletter. I had said our Secretary Jim Coote was resigning at the end of this year. Jim has informed me that it is 3 years. Sorry to dash the hopes of all those itching to take over Jim's job. Well, you will just have to wait a bit longer!!!!

I am pleased to announce that our Chapter's annual "All Corvette Show" raised \$2200.00 for the American

Cancer Society of Wichita, KS.

I want to talk a little about last month's Judging School. It was total chaos. To Seth, Stephen, Bim, and Dave F, we threw a lot at you guys. That is what the class was intended to do, to get you involved in the actual judging process and most importantly to ask questions. You all did great by the way. Next time we will do a section of the book at a time. The lift provided by Mike made chassis judging easy.

September will be a jam-packed month. For starters we will have a Judging School and Concours Judging meet at Davis-Moore Chevrolet on September 10 at 9am. Bim Heineman will provide a '72 for our Concours Judging

enjoyment. We will have our on-line video for our meeting but probably not for the Judging Event.

Also on the 10th will be the EAA fly in and car show. Mike Rowley will be leading the Corvette caravan. Contact Mike for more information on this.

September 22nd thru the 24th will be the annual "Last Blast Judging Schools and Judging Meet" along with meals and tours. Of course, this all happens in Lincoln, Nebraska, hosted by Mike McFarland, Brad Hillhouse and the gang of the Nebraska Chapter of NCRS. This event's registration is posted on the NCRS event page.

To finish the month, for your driving pleasure we have Corvette Weekend at Eureka Springs,

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Arkansas, September 29th thru October the 2nd.

October will start with a road trip to Salina, for the opportunity to Judge a '63 Coupe and a '63 roadster? At present the roadster is on "Bring a Trailer" waiting list, so it may be gone. That still gives us a very nice Split Window to Judge. More on this later.

One last thing; at present we will only have our on-line video for the meeting portion on September 10th, not the Judging Event.

Hope everyone has a safe Labor Day and I look forward to seeing everyone on September 10th at 9am at Davis-Moore Chevrolet.



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

2022

Sep 10	Chapter Meeting, Judging School, & Judging Meet
Oct 8	Chapter Meeting
Oct 20-22	Texas Regional—Frisco, TX
Nov 12	Chapter Meeting
Dec 9	Chapter Christmas Party
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Did You Know?

RARE CORVETTES

1. What year is the rarest Corvette?
A. 1968
B. 1969
C. 1970
D. 1971
2. How many Corvettes were produced with a split window?
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B. Appx. 10,000
C. Appx. 15,000
D. Appx. 20,000
3. True or False: A blue SR-2 Corvette was created for Harley Earl's son in 1956.

(See Page 11 for Answers)

Did You Know?

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

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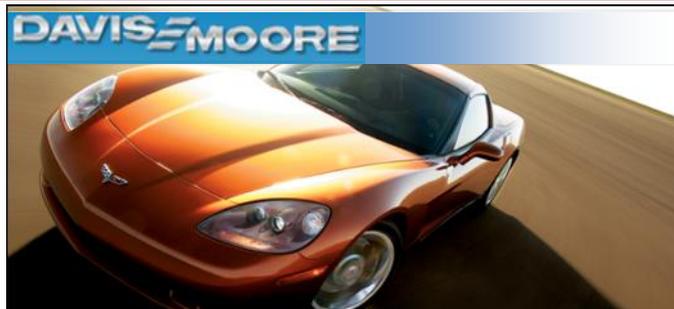
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Tech Bits September 2022, Dave Houlihan

While searching for something else, I came across a John Hinckley post on "Camaros.net" commenting on a member's problem getting his distributor to properly align. Member's distributor vacuum can was hitting side of #8 intake manifold runner. Figure 1- Distributor Installation. One cause may be that subject distributor was dropped "one tooth off" on camshaft during installation. Another issue may be distributor drive gear was installed 180° off. This Tech Bit notes our second case.

A drive gear will necessarily be removed during a distributor rebuild, if a worn gear needs to be replaced, or if gear replacement is needed when switching from a flat tappet camshaft to a "roller" cam.

Figure 2 Cam Gear Dimple illustrates marks on OEM DELCO drive gears used during assembly/reassembly. Gear on right with small dimple was off a C1 (1957?) - Gear on right was off a mid-year. In any case, "Dimple" should face same direction as rotor tip.

Our distributor cam gear has 13 teeth. Installing this gear 180° out causes a 13.5° rotation of distributor body relative to rotor position. See Figure 3 Cam Gear Alignment. Proper installation of this gear allows proper alignment of rotor/distributor for setting timing.

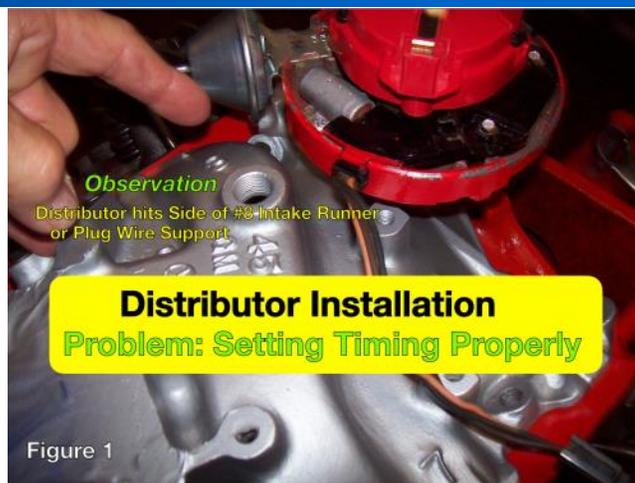


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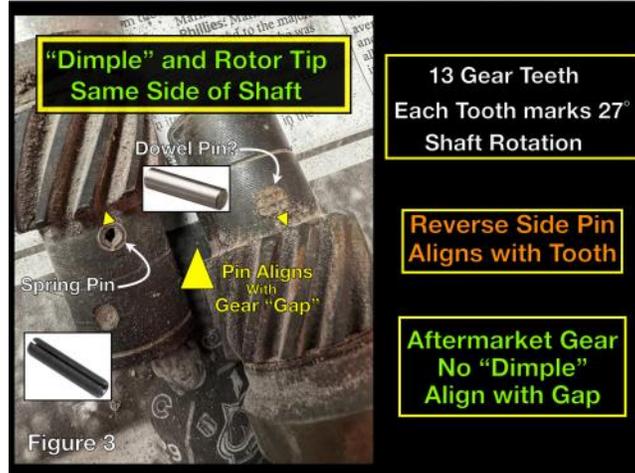


Figure 3



Figure 2

Likely an after-market distributor gear won't have this "dimple". However, note proper gear installation will have securing pin aligned with "GAP" between gear teeth. That is, rotor pointer should be on same side as gear installed with cam gear "GAP" / pin. (180° off, and rotor and pin will be aligned with a gear TOOTH.)

Dave

Midway USA Chapter Judging School –Mike Rowley’s 1972

Last month’s judging school was held at Mike Rowley’s car condo and featured Mike’s 1972 coupe. This judging school was targeted toward new members that might be interested in learning how to become a NCRS judge. There were many 300/400 point judges in attendance to help show these members how to judge using CDCIF and standard deductions. The group started on chassis since we were lucky enough to have a lift that we could raise the car up on and get a good look from underneath the car. There were lots of comments and questions from the new members. Although Rick described it as chaos, members indicated that they learned a lot from this school. One thing the experienced judges learned was that we should have concentrated on only one section of the car at a school. So, with that said, there will be more schools on the other sections of this car. Let me say that this car is a really good candidate for this type of school. It is not an original car, so it has items that do not comply with the judging manual. This gives these members opportunities to determine what is not as it came from the factory. Unfortunately, our camera picture taker was not in attendance. She was home with the new baby, Sophia.



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Midway USA members:

Your friends to the north are excited to be hosting our annual LAST BLAST 2022 judging meet on September 23-24 in Lincoln NE. We have tried to plan lots of things to do in addition to just judging cars to make this a great event for people of all. For those of you travelling to Lincoln on Thursday, we are hosting a Welcome Social & BBQ at Nebraska Chairman Mike McFarland's shop in west Lincoln. This is a great way to socialize and have a great meal with friends from all over the Midwest. Friday morning we start at 9am with a private 3 hour tour of the Speedway Museum of American Speed. If you haven't been before, here is a link to the museum: <https://www.museumofamericanspeed.com/>

Friday afternoon we move to the Commonwealth Airplane & Jet hangar for the balance of our judging meet. We will be judging Operations and one section on each Corvette on Friday followed by two judging schools and then our Friday night banquet and charity auction. Saturday morning we start our morning with one more judging school and then a morning full of judging. So far for judging we have a 1954, (2) 1966's, 1993, 1994 & 2003 for Flight judging and a 1961 restomod for Concours. We could take one or two more Corvettes for judging, so if you have interest, let me know. We judge over two days to give newer NCRS members an opportunity to work with senior judges and learn the judging process in a small group setting. We welcome all NCRS members during this 2 day, 5 point judging meet.

Registration for both the Thursday welcome BBQ and the Friday & Saturday judging meet are live on the NCRS Coming events page. Since there are no good food options at the Lincoln Airport, we have a "meal package" available for purchase during registration that includes you in all food and beverage during the two day event. There is no "official host hotel" but there are several quality hotels at the Lincoln Airport I can recommend for you. I am here to help answer any questions that you may have about the event. We have NCRS members registered from 11 states and Canada. You should come join us and see what all the fun is about!

Thank you Midway USA for your great support of NCRS Nebraska LAST BLAST 2022.

Brad Hillhouse

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More information about the meet can be found on the NCRS Nebraska Chapter website:

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

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The 2022 NCRS National Convention in Mobile, AL is completed. 2023's Convention will be in French Lick, IN, 2024 will be in Hampton Roads, VA, 2025 will be in the west, suggested locations are Reno/Tahoe, NV, Washington State and Las Vegas, NV. Remember if you are having your Corvette judged at the National Convention it must have been judged at a chapter or regional meet first. The reason we plan so far ahead is for members wanting to earn the NCRS Duntov, McClellan, or Hill, Mark-Of-Excellence Awards. Within the award year or three preceding calendar years, a car under identical ownership must achieve a minimum 97.0 net score (no mileage points) at a NCRS Regional Meet or National Convention, a Performance Verification at a NCRS Regional Meet or National Convention and a final Mark-Of-Excellence judging at a National Convention with a minimum 97.0 net score (no mileage points). All of the award prerequisites are listed in the Corvette Judging Reference Manual 9th Edition available at the NCRS store.

Some NCRS events coming up this fall that are not too far away that I have attended in the past and will be doing again are NCRS Nebraska Chapter Fall Judging Meet in Lincoln on Friday & Saturday September 22nd & 23rd 2022. A great event and location with more information is in this newsletter or on-line. The Texas Chapter Lone Star Regional Meet October 20th -22nd in Frisco, Texas. Registration is open and hotel information is in the NCRS DRIVELINE and on ncrs.org coming events page.

Non-Matching Spare Tires from Judging Chairman's Message with Dave Brigham (Volume 49 Number 1 Summer 2022 Corvette Restorer)

At a recent regional meet, we had a long discussion on what qualifies as a non-matching spare tire. For the benefit of the entire membership, I will repeat what was discussed at the meet. No Originality Deduction- if either I or II apply: (I) Five (5) matching Original Equipment Manufacture (OEM) tires as described in the appropriate model year TIMJG, or (II) Four (4) matching OEM tires as described in the appropriate model year TIMJG and one (1) non-matching OEM tire that is deemed to have been provided in the subject car when originally manufactured. Requirement: Five matching tires; however, a non-matching OEM model-year-correct spare tire is allowed if it is deemed to be a tire that could have been installed at the point of vehicle manufacture.

We have a new 1963-64 National Team Leader, Joe Scafidi, Member #8321, effective immediately. The formal announcement will be in the next Restorer.

Gene Holtz (10606) Oklahoma Chapter Judging Chairman



Swap-N-Shop Wanted

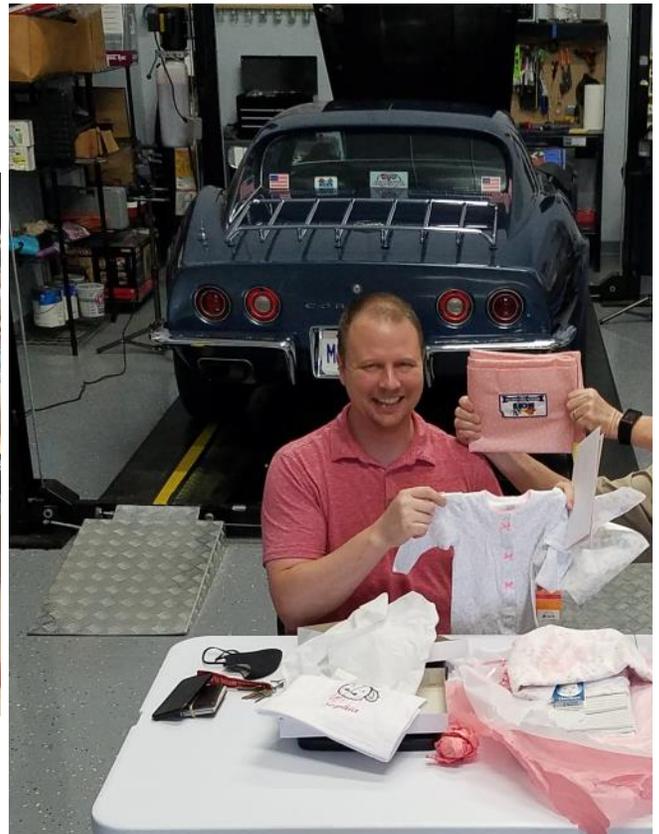
Unloved Corvette Wanted

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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Midway USA Chapter Judging School –Mike Rowley's 1972

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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.



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.

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Meeting Minutes - Midway USA Chapter of NCRS, Inc.

Minutes Prepared by Jim Coote

The August 2022 monthly meeting was held on the 13th and called to order at 9:00 A.M. by our chapter Chairman, Rick Smiley. There were 21 in attendance, including 4 by way of Zoom. Zoom certainly helps our attendance and increases the conversation!

Old and New Business:

Rick welcomed all those on Zoom, singled out Gene Holtz from Oklahoma who got up at 5:30 AM this morning to attend our meeting and Judging School in person, our Vice Chairman, Seth Paulsen who just arrived and I guess the rest of us.

The arrival of Seth was well noted as Rick congratulated him for becoming a father with the arrival of their new daughter, Sophia Vittoria, on July 30th. Two thoughtful members of the club presented baby gifts for Seth and Vinnie with purposeful inscriptions on some of the items for Sophia. Hopefully we will see pictures of Sophia in her new attire in the newsletter next month when she will be a little over a month old.

Dallas Keller enlightened Rick as to who our new member is which probably helped the rest of us too. His name is Steve Kahler, and he is also a member of the South Winds Corvette Club. He owns two coupes, a '77 and a '95. Hopefully we will soon meet him and have a chance to see his rides.

Shortly after Rick informed us that he didn't have much to cover in this month's meeting, he congratulated Brad Hillhouse, Mike McFarland, Gary Neimanis, Craig Stephan, Casey Coats and Kerri and Dallas Keller for all their awards that they picked up at the Nationals in Alabama. For some reason National skipped over Dallas's 300 award hat, but they did give him a 400-level hat! I think maybe someone should investigate that. Maybe I could get a 300-level hat and we could just forget the 200 thingy!

The Nebraska members of Midway USA had more pictures of their members in our newsletter than our Wichita members did! The score was 10 to 3! **Editor Note: All the Nebraska members are also Midway USA members and 2 of the 3 Midway USA local members are also Nebraska Chapter members. So, we are basically one big happy family.** Guess our local members need to get out more and travel to far off lands to earn points so we can get our pictures in the Midway newsletter. I'm going to wait until gas gets down to less than \$3!

It's a good thing Rick hadn't had time to prepare much for the meeting as apparently Brad had! Once he got going, Rick just sat back and I'm assuming enjoyed Brad's input. He started off with explaining what the picture in the newsletter of the C3 Vacuum System was all about. Rick requested that Brad bring it down to one of our meetings as he has some problems with his C3 and figured there were others here with similar problems. Brad didn't say when but indicated that he would. He's kinda busy campaigning right now!

I didn't see if Brad had any notes, but he segued somehow from Vacuums to "Last Blast". I almost typed "breath" instead of blast", but then caught myself remembering whom I'm writing about! Rick interrupted Brad and indicated that maybe the Nebraska club Chairman should tell us about their "Two Day Super Chapter Flight & Concours Judging Meet" planned for September 23 & 24 of this year.

Mike McFarland, the NE chapter President, started off describing the event by saying that there would be a barbecue and social gathering at his shop Thursday evening. The Friday and Saturday event was pretty well described in August's newsletter on page 8, all of page 8! What that page doesn't say is that they already have committed two '66's, a '54 and '94, all for Judging.

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May Meeting Minutes Continued

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I think Mike must have taken a breath because the next thing we knew Brad was commenting about the wonderful time he and his family had at Nationals. He was excited that his children could join he and his wife Alice while they were accepting the Dave McLellan award.

Somehow our treasurer, Dallas, got to tell us how much he had spent of our money since we last met. He only wrote one check, but it was for \$2200.00! However, it was for a worthy cause, the American Cancer Society, the charity for which we put on an All Corvette Car Show. That means we have \$2,836.31 left in our checking account since our last report. And, \$100.00 in Savings!

Dallas held up our club "Top Flight Award" for 2020 which he received at the National event. It looked like a front license plate which because of Covid two years ago most of the clubs could not qualify in the usual way so I guess they changed the usual look of the prestigious award!

Rick is concerned about our club's 2021 Top Flight because he didn't get the info turned in by the cut-off time. And to date has not heard back from the coordinator of the process. Apparently neither has California, so there are some hiccups in the system that need to be ironed out.

Seth took an opportunity to let us know how our Facebook was doing, both the private and the public editions. He encouraged us to post pictures as he has done, the latest from Nationals, trying to encourage interest to those who might drop by our site to see what we are all about. Don't give too much info on people's cars, like license plates or names, on the public site, save those for the private one.

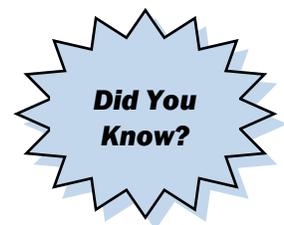
Dallas notified us that the Salina cars are ready to be judged. After some discussion, there still seems to be some problems with coordinating a date, especially if it has to be in Salina. There's club membership of one owner, a possible auction of one car and possible conflicts on when the club can do the judging. October 1st was discussed as a possibility which Dallas will pursue with the owners.

Since Brad wasn't given an option to contribute more, Rick decided that 10:00 AM was long enough because we had a Judging School to get to. After Dave Houlihan gave us a short and informative presentation on aligning distributor gears with dimples, we proceeded to attend Bev Smiley's educational Judging School on Mike Rowley's 1971 in his air-conditioned car condo.

Did You Know Answers (Continued from Page 2)

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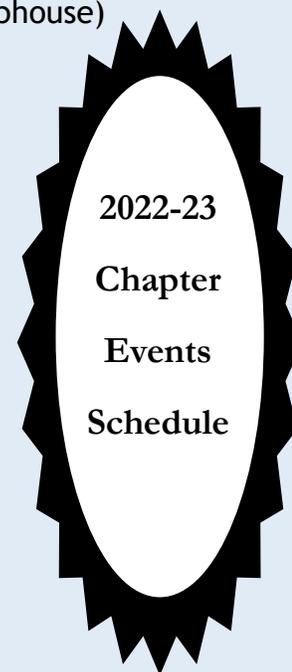


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- Dec 10 Chapter Meeting

2023

- Jan 14 Chapter Meeting
- Feb 11 Chapter Meeting
- Feb 22-26 Florida Regional – Lakeland, FL
- Mar 11 Chapter Meeting
- 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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List of Corvettes:

Year	Color	Style	Additional Comments for Corvette
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Restoration Experience (if any) _____

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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.

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