



The Flag Bearer

A Publication of the Southeast Chapter of the NCRS
(National Corvette Restorers Society)
July 2023

Highlights:

- Chairman's Report
- Buyavette Summer Meet
- 7 new members joined our Southeast chapter last quarter
- Technical Article on soldering pot metal

Chairman's Report

Special thanks to Owner Greg Rush, and General Manager Jack Stanford for offering to host our summer meet at Buyavette. They cleared out their busy showroom and took care of all of our needs and helped us hold a fantastic meet. We got to judge 6 excellent cars and had over 50 people in attendance. Again, thanks to the Florida and Carolina Chapter members who joined us to help judge and tabulate.

Special thanks to the two original owners who shared their cars and stories with us. The first car was a 1963 FI Split Window Coupe and the second a 1967 427/435 Red Conv. with 1,600 actual miles. Congratulations to them for having the vision and determination to preserve those cars for all of us to enjoy.

Rod Worley, editor of Vettes of Atlanta Magazine was there to do a story on our chapter. He interviewed several members and car owners.

Next up is a two-day event on October 6 and 7 at Vintage Corvette in Summerville GA. The event is being held at the new dealership and you must see it to believe it. Don't miss this one.

Thanks,
Tom Beuglas

Vice Chairman's Report

Many thanks to Buyavette, Rich Mauser, the Southeast Chapter leadership, all judges, tabulators and attendees for an excellent summer judging meet. Please notice that we had 2 sets of twin cars at the meet, 2 1963 Coupes of the same color and 2 2003 convertibles of the same color – unique.

Next up is the 2023 NCRS National Convention in French Lick, IN. The dates are Sunday July 23rd through Thursday July 27th. Please let me know if you are attending and we can plan a dinner together. I hope to see you there.



Jim Krakau

Judging Chairman's Report

The turnout this year at the SE NCRS Summer Event held at Buyavette in Atlanta, Ga. on Saturday, June 24, again exceeded our previous years' SE NCRS Summer Events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Greg Rush and Jack Stanford, the ownership/management of Buyavette, for accommodating our event indoors and providing refreshments.



Jack Stanford, Roy Davidson, Greg Rush, Rich Mauser & Tom Bueglas

We were able to have the six flight-judged cars arrive on Friday. Operations judging was completed outdoors and cars were positioned in the building late Friday afternoon. Flight Judging took place on Saturday.

We had a nice informal get-together for dinner Friday night at Crowne Plaza in Norcross where several of the out-of-town attendees were staying. Everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and liked the fact that it was at the hotel where many stayed.

Our judging school on "Originality" was presented by Jeff Meadows and John Ballard using an extremely low mileage 4-Star-Bowtie 1967 Rally Red Coupe, 435hp, with side exhaust. The chassis and mechanical portions were reviewed by Jeff, and the exterior and interior reviewed by John. There is always something to be learned from original unrestored cars. Thank you, Jeff and John, for your presentations.



The car used for the judging school is owned by Richard Esham of Florida. Richard was also displaying his car as part of the display requirements to obtain his 5th Bowtie/Star. Thank you, Richard, for bringing, displaying, and allowing us to use your car for our judging school.

The following cars were presented for Flight judging, and awards were as follows:

1962 owned by Forest Summers	2nd Flight
1963 owned by Alan Smith	2nd Flight
1963 owned by Cy Strickler (original owner)	2nd Flight
1974 owned by Charles Ehrhart	Top Flight
2003 owned by Ralph Goode	Top Flight
2003 owned by Mike Winget	Top Flight



We also had a Bowtie/Star display car:
1967 owned by Richard Esham (original owner)

And, finally, we had our Sportsman cars:

1968 owned by Chris Henry

2019 owned by John Buchheister

2023 owned by Tom Beuglas (Z06)



Congratulations to all!

All Flight, Display and Sportsman cars were eligible for our additional award, the Ladies'/People's Choice Award. The award went to Richard Esham with his Rally Red, 4-Star Bowtie 1967 coupe. Congratulations, Richard!



Judges and tabulators--thank you to all for volunteering your hard work. Without your efforts, none of this would be possible. Again, your time, effort and knowledge is appreciated by all.

Hope to see all of you at our Fall Meet in Summerville, Ga. on October 6 & 7 at Greg Wyatt's Vintage Corvettes. This year's event will again be at Greg's new facility located in downtown Summerville at 10601 Commerce Street. Registration has been open for just a few days and we already have five cars for flight – so judges please register early. PLEASE NOTE – this is a five-point, two-day event. Following is the link for the event. https://www.ncrs.org/services/event-info.php?ev_id=Zml4ZWRFc3RyaW5nZml4Za5EK4+H621CGHh8gYNZulpO/aToBqxn57DnVpQDr7ufC6mrdT9kbc7/s3kGHv3QNw==

As always, please feel free to contact me with any judging questions or concerns.

Rich Mauser
SE NCRS Judging Chairman
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Secretary / Membership / Event Administrator Report

I am happy to report we have added seven new members to our chapter since the last edition of the Flagbearer! I have included a short bio for each of them to introduce them to you! Please join me in welcoming all of them to the Southeast Chapter!

70374 – Ray Brown, Blue Ridge, GA. Ray is a new member to NCRS and the Southeast Chapter as of May 2023. We enjoyed meeting Ray at the Buyavette event. He owns a 1957 Corvette which we hope to see at upcoming chapter meets. We're looking forward to learning more about Ray and what makes him a "Corvette" guy! Welcome to Ray and his wife, Tammy!

10762 – John (Jack) Buchheister, Homosassa, FL. Jack has been a longtime member of NCRS and is a member of both the Mason-Dixon Chapter and is the Chairman of the Florida Chapter. He recently joined the Southeast Chapter as a part of his Buyavette Registration. Jack is also a member of the Maryland High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame 2001 and has his private pilot's license as well as his Merchant Seaman's License. We were fortunate to meet Jack and see his 2019 Corvette on Sportsman Display at the Buyavette Summer Meet.

70342 – Roy Davidson, Atlanta, GA. Roy is a new member to NCRS and the Southeast Chapter. He is a suburban Atlanta native and went to high school where Tom Beuglas's son taught and coached. He fell in love with Corvettes because of his father, a GM retiree and they always had various Corvettes and other GM vehicles around. His first driving experience in a Corvette was in his father's 2003 Z06 and then his subsequent 2004 Z06 commemorative edition.

Roy's first vehicle was a 1978 Trans Am W-72, four speed, that he built together with his dad. Through this experience is how he met Jack Stanford, General Manager at Buyavette. Over the years, Jack and Roy have been on countless adventures together. They bought, restored and sold vehicles at Mecum and Barrett Jackson auctions and raced all across the country. Most importantly, Jack introduced him to Greg Rush and Buyavette. He began assisting them with vehicle tuning and diagnosis. He specializes in tuning many GM products, as well as aftermarket fuel injection, such as Holley and Motec. This experience gave him an opportunity to work on various manufacturing ventures with Greg. During the 2020 pandemic, he was offered the role of Operations Manager at Buyavette. Roy states that this is his dream job, even with its unique challenges. He currently owns a 2004 Z06, black over Mod-red interior as well as a 1966 roadster project. He has recently become interested in becoming an NCRS judge for C5s and eventually C6s. Roy joined the NCRS and the Southeast Chapter because he LOVES Corvettes!

70326 – Laurence (Larry) Moore, Lilburn, GA. Larry joined NCRS and the Southeast Chapter in May 2023. He was born and raised in Michigan but moved to Georgia in 2000 as part of a corporate relocation. He has been married to his wife, Ruth, for 20 years and they both share a passion for Corvettes and Boxsters! During their marriage, they owned numerous Boxsters (currently two) but had never owned a Corvette. He changed that when he recently purchased a 1977 Corvette which is numbers matching and has 12,200 original miles. It has some minor cosmetic modifications that he plans to return to their original state. His long-term goal for this car is to maintain it in its original production state and he hopes to enjoy time participating in local car shows. Larry is hoping that his membership in NCRS will provide him with a network of experienced people to help guide him through preserving his beautiful car. He states, "Although I am legally the owner of the car, I see myself as more of a 'current custodian' for it." It was great meeting Larry at Buyavette!

70223 – Alan Smith – Brentwood, TN. Alan is a new member to NCRS and the Southeast Chapter as of March 2023. He has been married to his wife, Laina, for over 25 years. They have a beautiful daughter and two wonderful sons. Their first grandson is due later this year! They also have one grand-dog and two French bulldogs that keep them busy. Alan owned his first Corvette in the 1970s. He brought his 1963 Corvette Coupe for Flight Judging at the Buyavette meet and we enjoyed seeing his car and getting to meet Alan and his wife, Laina. They plan on enjoying many more events and meeting all the great people in the Southeast Chapter of NCRS. We look forward to seeing them both at upcoming events!

70312 – Forest Summers, Huntsville, AL – Forest joined NCRS and the Southeast Chapter as of April 2023. We were happy to meet him and his guests at the June Buyavette event! We also enjoyed seeing his 1962 Honduras Maroon Corvette which was Flight Judged at the Summer Meet. We look forward to seeing Forest in the future and learning more about him and his love of Corvettes! Welcome to the Southeast Chapter of NCRS!

32365 – Bill Thompson, Lawrenceville, Ga. Bill is a longtime member of NCRS and has recently joined our Southeast Chapter. He has been a Corvette enthusiast since the 1960s when he lived within a short walk of Stoudt Auto Sales, a well-known (at the time) used car dealership in Reading, PA, who specialized in Corvettes. Bill has had numerous Corvettes over a span of 45 years, all of which were C2 and C3 era cars. His current Corvette is a 1967 L79 convertible which he is in the process of restoring. Hoping to see Bill and that 1967 Corvette at some of our upcoming events!

As of June 30, 2023, we have a total membership of 97 members.

We had 5 members whose Southeast Chapter memberships expired during the second quarter of 2023 and though several attempts were made requesting membership renewals, either they have not responded or they declined their Southeast Chapter renewal so they were removed from the active chapter membership list.

I continue to get reports from the NCRS on new members who have joined the NCRS National and who live in our region. There has been a total of fourteen new NCRS National members in our region whom I have invited to join our Chapter and several have done so. Hopefully follow-up with these contacts will continue to result in adding new members to our Chapter.

Dues help to ensure the Chapter's continued success in fulfilling its purpose of preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of early Corvettes and to conduct meetings, tours, and programs of any sort relating to the development and history of Corvettes.

Dues may be paid online at NCRS.org, services, renewal membership, or by mail to the address below. Chapter dues are \$30 per year. I am sending out dues notices on a monthly basis. However, you may contact me at any time if you are unsure about the status of your dues.

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Treasurer's Report

**Southeast Chapter of NCRS, Inc.
Quarterly Financial Summary
March 31 - June 30, 2023**

Beginning Balance		March 31, 2023	\$ 13,949.58
Income	Membership Dues		\$ 408.18
	Summer Meet Registrations		\$ 1,526.46
	Donations/Raffle Tickets to Charity Fund		\$ 122.59
	Total Income		\$ 2,057.23
Expenses	Summer Meet Registration Refunds		\$ 102.59
	Charity Donation in memory of Bob Condrey		\$ 100.00
	Total Expenses		\$ 202.59
Ending Balance		June 30, 2023	\$ 15,804.22

Submitted by:
Dave DeVecchio - Treasurer

NCM / Communications

NCRS Board Minutes for the March 17th meeting are at:
<https://www.ncrs.org/docs/031723.pdf>

Technical Article

SOLDERING POT METAL

BY JIM KRAKAU

Did you know that pot metal can be soldered? I have been told that it is not possible to repair pot metal and learned that this statement is untrue.

There is a product offered by Muggy Weld that claims that pot metal can be soldered, and I have the broken part to put this product to the test. The product is named Super Alloy 1 Multi-Metal and Pot Metal Solder (<https://www.muggyweld.com/product/super-alloy-1/>) and is available on their website or on Amazon. The linked website also has videos to show how it is done.

On my 1970 Corvette restoration project, the headlight bezel cracked. The thought of buying an original hurts my wallet and aftermarket products are made of plastic. So, I purchased the Muggy Weld kit and watched the how-to video. Apparently, pot metal has a low melting point and an acetylene torch is too hot for it. The melting point of these soldering rods is around 350 degrees and it is recommended to not heat the pot metal past 450 degrees. I purchased a propane torch at Harbor Freight to heat the bezel and an infrared thermometer to check my heat level. Also, the soldering flux turns brown to indicate the metal is hot enough. I also used my thermometer to check the temperature of the metal.

Below is a shot of the cracked bezel and the soldered part.



I soldered the underside of the bezel so I could provide more build up to add strength. On the top side, I add only enough solder to fill the gap.



I had trouble soldering the gap where part of the metal is gone, so I will fill this with metal epoxy and finish with primer and paint.

I have minimal soldering experience, and this was not difficult. Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Member's Awards & Recognitions

At the Florida Regional meet in February, Dave Landis was awarded Top Flight for his 1965 Corvette.

Don't be shy, let me know if you want your award or recognition listed in a future newsletter.

NCRS 2023 Calendar of Events

	EVENT	LOCATION
July 23-27	2023 NCRS National Convention	French Lick, IN
Sep 8 & 9	Carolinas Fall Judging	Asheville, NC
Oct. 6 & 7	Southeast Fall Color Tour *	Summerville, GA
Oct. 19-21	Texas Regional	Frisco, TX
Nov. 3 & 4	Florida Fall Judging Meet	Melbourne, FL

- NCRS – SE Chapter Event



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Classified Ads

CARS FOR SALE

For sale: 1999 Corvette Coupe, 5.7L V8 Engine, Black on Black, Manual transmission - 6 speed.

Less than 47,000 miles. No known mechanical problems, excellent condition. Very clean. New battery tires good for many more miles. As is, no warranty.

VIN: 1G1YY22G5X5123963.

Only two owners. Originally delivered in Pennsylvania. Second owner has owned the vehicle for 15 years: registered vehicle in Maine in 2007 to 2017 (garaged and not driven in Winter months in Maine). Registered and have driven in S. Carolina since 2017.

No accidents, clean title. Non-smoker.

Selling price: \$20,900. Will consider serious offers. Listed on Facebook Marketplace and other sites.

Seller: Greg Howat 207-217-8118

1984 Corvette Red exterior / grey interior, 4 speed w/overdrive and 33k original miles. I have owned it for 2 1/2 years. Purchased from original owner. Don't want to sell on open market, reason I'm contacting y'all. If anyone is interested e-mail or call me.
larryrochester@att.net 864-325-4016

FOR SALE – Parts & Items

NEW IN BOXES – 1967 repo bolt on wheel set.

Complete 2.5-inch chambered exhaust system for midyear,

5 excellent repo narrow white wall tires, caps, and wheels for 1965 - used once for judging.

1968 wheels.

water pump 3782609 1961-63 core;

hubcaps 1963, 1964, 1966, PO2; 1971 original spare Firestone wide oval w/ dealer sales albums

1975, 1976, 1977, 1978; alternators 1100628 3B4, 1100693 5G30, 6J20;

Holley Carbs: 1966 427/425 33886101 Core, 1965 327/365 #3849804 Reissue no date, 1966 327/300 – 350

h.p. #3884505 Service Replacement; 1963 WCFB #3826005

1963 original windshield; 1963 -1967 replacement windshield;

3 1966 restored and dated 390HP Holley carbs;

set of 5 1967 rally wheels.

Original 1971 white letter spare tire and wheel;

3 1965 - 1966 power brake master cylinders – restored.

sets of hubcaps 1963, 1964, 1966, PO2; 1967 trim rings – restored.

Contact: Tom Beuglas (404) 456-3711 or email beuglast@gmail.com

1964 Starter 1107320 Date Code 3 K 29 (October 29, 1963) \$75.00

Contact: Stephen H. Byrd (865) 250-1968 or email bunkybyrd@gmail.com

870 small block for 63 car. Casting 3782870, A293. Great 327cu bare block. Std bore, never decked. Has original bearing caps. Block will need to go to the machine shop as it has been in my basement for 31 yrs.

AndyJordan

NCRS #12924

678-576-4418

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WANTED – Parts & Items

2 Original or NOS 1965 Corvette hubcap spinners

1965 Fuel Injection Air Cleaner that needs restoring. Any condition is considered.

Stephen H. Byrd (865) 250-1968 bunkybyrd@gmail.com

WANTED – Corvette

Wanted Need your HELP Looking for First Corvette 1967 Blue Convertible
350HP Small Block 4 speed Black interior low option



VIN 104677S1 14501

Still have Bill of Sale

Purchased @ Martin Burk Chev Forest Park, Ga.
Chris Henry (61744) Southeast Chapter

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