



The Flag Bearer

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(National Corvette Restorers Society)
October 2023

Highlights:

- Chairman's Report
- Fall Tour Meet At Vintage Corvettes
- 4 new members joined our Southeast chapter last quarter
- Technical Article: C5-C6 Gas Door Won't Stay Closed
- NCRS Convention Awards

Chairman's Report

I have just returned from another outstanding Judging Meet held at Greg Wyatt's Vintage Corvette Dealership in Summerville GA. What a wonderful location to hold a meet. Greg has created a Corvette Mecca where everywhere you look there is something amazing. Special thanks to Greg and Dee who were great hosts and for allowing us to use this great facility. We had two great days of judging seven excellent cars with over 50 people in attendance. We were even treated to a visit from Barney Fife who apparently patrols the streets of Summerville. Barney had an arrest warrant for Rich Mauser but allowed Rich to complete judging in handcuffs before taking him away. (That guy was fantastic, looked and sounded like Don Knots - so funny.) Thanks again to the Florida and Carolina Chapter Members who attended and helped with judging. The meet was another great weekend of food, friendship and Corvettes.

It will soon be time to elect chapter officers for 2024. Voting will be held at the Winter Social which is scheduled for December 3 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Perimeter Mall. Jim Krakau, Rich Mauser, Dave DelVecchio, Marianne Landis. and I are willing to continue in our positions, if elected. If you would like to be considered for any of the officer positions, please contact the Nominating Committee Chairman before the December 1st. deadline. I will send out the complete information later this month.

If you missed this show, you missed a good one. See you at the Winter Social on December 3rd. at Maggiano's.

Thanks,
Tom Beuglas

Vice Chairman's Report

Many thanks to our sponsor Greg Wyatt at Vintage Corvettes, Rich Mauser, the Southeast Chapter leadership, all judges, tabulators and attendees for an excellent Fall Tour judging meet.

At the 2023 NCRS National Convention in French Lick, IN, our chapter received the Chapter Top Flight award for 2022. Thanks to our leadership and membership for contributing to the achievement of this award. For 2023, we are well on our way to meeting this award's requirements. As always, your contributions and suggestions for tech articles, tech sessions, road tours, social gatherings contribute to the success of our chapter.



Jim Krakau

Judging Chairman's Report

Our SE NCRS Fall Event was held at Greg Wyatt's Vintage Corvettes in Summerville, Ga. on Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Greg Wyatt for once again accommodating our event. The feedback received from attendees has been more than positive.

On Friday, all of our Flight-judged cars arrived, operations judging was completed and the cars placed inside the building. Flight Judging took place on Saturday. This was a two-day, five-point event.

Our judging school on trim and vin tags (as well as few other items) was presented by John Ballard. John prepared color photos of many tag examples (good and not typical) and displayed all for comment and questions. He also had several engine stamp pad images for everyone to review and discuss – again both good and not typical. Thank you, John, for your presentation. And for those of you who haven't heard, John is now the National Advanced Judging School Instructor.

After the judging school we had a tech session conducted by Chris Henry. Chris covered rocker arm issues and some quadrajet carburetor issues. Along with his presentation he had some poster-size photos displaying pertinent details of rocker arm failures. Thank you, Chris, for your presentation.



About 23 members/attendees gathered Friday evening at Thatcher's BBQ for a delicious dinner. Although we couldn't be seated together, everyone seemed to have a nice time visiting with each other.

Just before lunch on Saturday, we were surprised by the whistle-blowing antics of none other than Mayberry's super-sleuth deputy Barney Fife. Deputy Fife arrived with a warrant for my arrest, which I took quite seriously after he showed me that he was packin' a bullet in his uniform pocket. Everyone, including me, was super-surprised by his appearance as arranged by our host and hostess, Greg and Dee.



Summerville's newest restaurant, Papa John's, opened a few days before our arrival and delivered fresh pizzas, sodas and desserts for lunch. Thanks to the generosity of Frank Mitchell, a friend of Ron Wallace, we were treated to a wide variety of chicken salads from his nearby Chicken Salad Chick restaurant. Then, continuing our day of surprises, we enjoyed some out-of-this world cakes and cheesecakes provided by our hosts. We greatly appreciate their hard work and generosity to make this fun-filled event possible.

We had two categories of vehicles at our event.

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

1954 owned by Mike Winget	Top Flight
1957 owned by Ray Brown	Top Flight
1965 owned by Ron Wallace	Top Flight
1966 owned by Mike Ingrassia	2 nd Flight
1967 owned by Ed Dacus	Top Flight
1971 owned by Edwin Ward	Top Flight
2007 owned by Alan Dieterle	Top Flight

And, finally, we had our Sportsman cars:

1967 owned by Chris Henry	2018 owned by Bob Kinstrey
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A very special congratulations to all!





We also had an additional award, the Women's/People's choice award. All Flight and Sportsman cars were eligible. The award went to Ray Brown with his 1957 white/silver FI convertible. Congratulations, Ray!

Judges and tabulators--thank you to all for volunteering your hard work. We had an excellent turnout from the entire region--with judges from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina and Tennessee. We also had judging participation from other NCRS regions—with judges from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. 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 Spring Meet in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. in March at the Corvette EXPO on March 15 & 16. Again, this will be a two-day, five-point event. Details for the event will be announced soon. Also, details for lodging will follow, once registration is made available.

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

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Secretary / Membership / Event Administrator Report

I am happy to report we have added four 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!

65804 – Mary Cherry, Houston, TX. Mary has been a National NCRS member for a number of years and has just recently joined the Southeast Chapter. She is also affiliated with the Indiana, Nebraska, and Texas Chapters. Please join me in welcoming Mary to the Southeast Chapter!

70631 – Michael Ingrassia, Crossville, TN. Mike has always wanted Corvettes, as a young kid he made a bank out of a glass block labeled “For my Corvette”. He never did get enough money in there to get one at that time. When Mike and his wife, Connie, were married, one of the first things they did was buy her a new 1968 Malibu Sport Coupe. Mike’s first Corvette was a 1964 red convertible that he only drove in the New Jersey summers. In the early ‘70s, they moved to Florida where he worked at a Chevrolet dealership. It was there that he found his second Corvette, a 1967 Coupe fully loaded “Big Block”. A few years later he sold it (against his wife’s wishes) thinking he was going to make a killing. Little did he know they would bring six figures today. In the early ‘80s, they opened their own repair shop where he was able to work on some vintage cars and a few Corvettes. He then had a couple more Corvettes, a 1976 and then a 1980 L-82. In 2005 after both kids had graduated from college, they decided to retire and moved to Tennessee. After settling in Tennessee, he was missing having a Corvette so purchased a 1963 red convertible that looked exactly like his first Corvette. They joined a local Corvette Club so they could enjoy their cars with other Corvette owners. Today she has a 2005 and he found another all original and fully loaded 1966 Coupe. Lucky for Mike, his wife is a big car nut like him! She also owns a 1964 Corvair convertible with rare factory air conditioning. “I guess the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree” Mike stated, “as our first granddaughter is also a big car enthusiast. The first thing she did when she got her driver’s license was come to our house and drive all four Corvettes and the Corvair.” She said that she had been waiting for that day

since she was two years old!! We enjoyed meeting Mike and Connie at the fall event in Summerville, Georgia, and seeing his beautiful 1966 Nassau Blue Coupe being Flight Judged!

70529 – Jonathan Mertz, Knoxville, TN. Jonathan is married to Christine and they have 4 children. He has two Corvettes and his daily driver is a Chevrolet SSR. His first Corvette is a black 1998 C5 with 40,000 miles. He just recently purchased a red 1991 Corvette ZR1 with only 10,000 miles. He has been into classic cars his whole life and loves going to car shows and car events. He is glad to be a member of NCRS and the Southeast Chapter. He is looking forward to getting his 1991 Flight Judged in the future. Welcome Jonathan and Christine!!

50618 – Scott Simon, Gallatin, TN. Over the years, Scott and his wife have owned a number of Corvettes including her 1988 red convertible, an all black 2009 Callaway and a 2017 Yellow Grand Sport. Scott's longest Corvette love has been his 1995 Competition Yellow convertible. It has represented a number of milestones in his life since he purchased it from the original owner in 1997. His favorite nostalgic memory is of teaching his 16 year old daughter how to drive. This was not only her first experience driving but also with a manual transmission! They both cherish the experience and memories so much that she has asked that he leave her the car when the "time comes!" Scott's brother has been an active NCRS member in St. Louis for years having completely restored a 1962 and a 1975 and having received a Top Flight certification for both. Although Scott has been an NCRS member for a number of years, he hasn't been an active member because of other commitments. His brother encouraged him to have his 1995 judged someday. Now that they have sold their business and retired, Scott thought it might be the right time to get more involved. He and his wife recently moved to the Nashville area and were wondering what activities and/or opportunities were available locally and regionally, especially regarding meeting other members and eventually having their 1995 judged. "It is 98% original with a little over 30,000 miles," said Scott, "Much the same as me but with a lot more mileage!" Welcome to the Southeast Chapter! We are looking forward to seeing your 1995 at a Southeast Chapter event in the future!

As of September 30, 2023, we have a total membership of 100 members, which is an increase of 3 members since June 2023. We had only one member whose Southeast Chapter membership expired during the third quarter, and though multiple attempts were made requesting chapter renewal, there has been no response from him so he has been removed from the active chapter membership list.

Sadly, we had to say good-bye to Lynn Skipper who recently passed away. Lynn had been a member of both the Florida and Southeast NCRS Chapters. Lynn was a very active member and will be missed by all. Our thoughts and condolences go out to his wife and family during this difficult time.

I continue to get reports from the NCRS on new members who have joined the NCRS National and who live in our region. There have been a total of fourteen new NCRS National members in our region this past quarter whom I have invited to join our Chapter and, to date, two of them 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
 June 30 - September 30, 2023

Beginning Balance		June 30, 2023	\$ 15,804.22
Income	Membership Dues		\$ 639.94
	Fall Color Tour Meet Registrations		\$ 1,378.26
	Donations/Raffle Tickets to Charity Fund		\$ 100.00
	Total Income		\$ 2,118.20
Expenses	Fall Color Tour Meet Registration Refunds		\$ 90.00
	Total Expenses		\$ 90.00
Ending Balance		September 30, 2023	\$ 17,832.42

NCM / Communications

NCRS Board Minutes for the September 28th meeting are at:
<https://www.ncrs.org/docs/092823.pdf>

Technical Article

WHAT ELSE I KNOW?

Steven Heck

C5-C6 GAS DOOR WON'T STAY CLOSED?

I was contacted by a friend who had a C6 and the gas door would not stay closed. Inspection showed that the gas door plunger was stuck in not allowing the door to latch when it was in the closed position. This picture below shows the plunger in the correct locked position. To access the plunger

operation, I found removing the left rear interior side trim only revealed the actuator and cable. When pushing the gas door release button, the movement of the actuator was very noticeable. This meant the problem was either in the actuator cable or possibly the button itself. For access to the cable, it required the removal of the drivers rear inner wheelhouse. I removed the actuator assembly and cable from the car to better diagnosis the cause.

Below is a picture of the actuator with cable attached.



Operation at this end also seemed proper. Need to look at the lock button. Upon removal of the cable from the button I found the return spring rusted and broken. Looks like I found the culprit'



I did some research online and found the actuator assemblies were around \$125.00. A lot of money when my only problem was the broken spring.



The question is could I find a replacement spring that would work without having to replace the complete assembly?

I thought the old spring looked like a part from a click style ink pen. I disassembled about five pens before I found one with a large enough diameter spring. I had to shorten the new spring but after reassembling the actuator and reinstalling it, I found the operation to be proper as original.

NOTE: Both C5's and C6's use this style of release.

With a little labor the cost savings were worth noting seeing you would have to remove all the above items anyway during a replacement situation.

Hope this helps someone.

Steven Heck #47456



Member's Awards & Recognitions

At the 2023 NCRS National Convention, Southeast Chapter members received the following awards:

- Foundation Award Recipients: David Cohen
Brian & Carol McIntyre
Tom & Sue Walther
- Master Judge Dave DelVecchio (100)
Steve Heck (200)
- American Heritage Award Mark Donnally
- Duntov Award Donald Ghareeb
- Duntov Display Mark Wiley
- Top Flight Dave DelVecchio
Donald Ghareeb
Alan Smith
- Sportsman John "Coach" Buckheister
Steven Heck
Chris Henry
Bob Kinstrey
Brian McIntyre

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

NCRS 2023 & 2024 Calendar of Events

	EVENT	LOCATION
Nov. 3 & 4	Florida Fall Judging Meet	Melbourne, FL
	'----- 2024-----	
Jan. 17-20	Florida Regional Meet	Melbourne, FL
Mar. 15-16	Corvette Expo – SE Chapter Spring Meet*	Pigeon Forge, TN
Mar. 14-17	NCRS Judges Training Retreat	Dallas, TX
May 2-4	Heartland Chapter Regional Meet	Cedar Rapids, IA
Aug. 4-8	NCRS National Convention	Hampton Roads, VA
June – TBD	SE Chapter Summer Meet*	Atlanta, GA
Oct – TBD	SE Chapter Fall Tour Meet*	Summerville, GA
Oct. 24-26	Texas Regional	Frisco, TX

- NCRS – SE Chapter Event

Of note is that the 2026 NCRS National meet will be in Charleston, SC

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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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