



## **BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

**October 2019**

**2019-2020 Looking back and looking forward!**

**Mark your digital or wall calendars for 2020:  
British Columbia Chapter judging meet Saturday June 6 Surrey BC**

Next year (2020) there will be another enjoyable meet in the new and excellent location we had last May. Al Tuningley has generously offered the use of his warehouse in the South Surrey / Cloverdale area again this year. Details will be forthcoming.

### **LOOKING BACK**

**The 2019 BCC flight judging meet 25 May 2019**

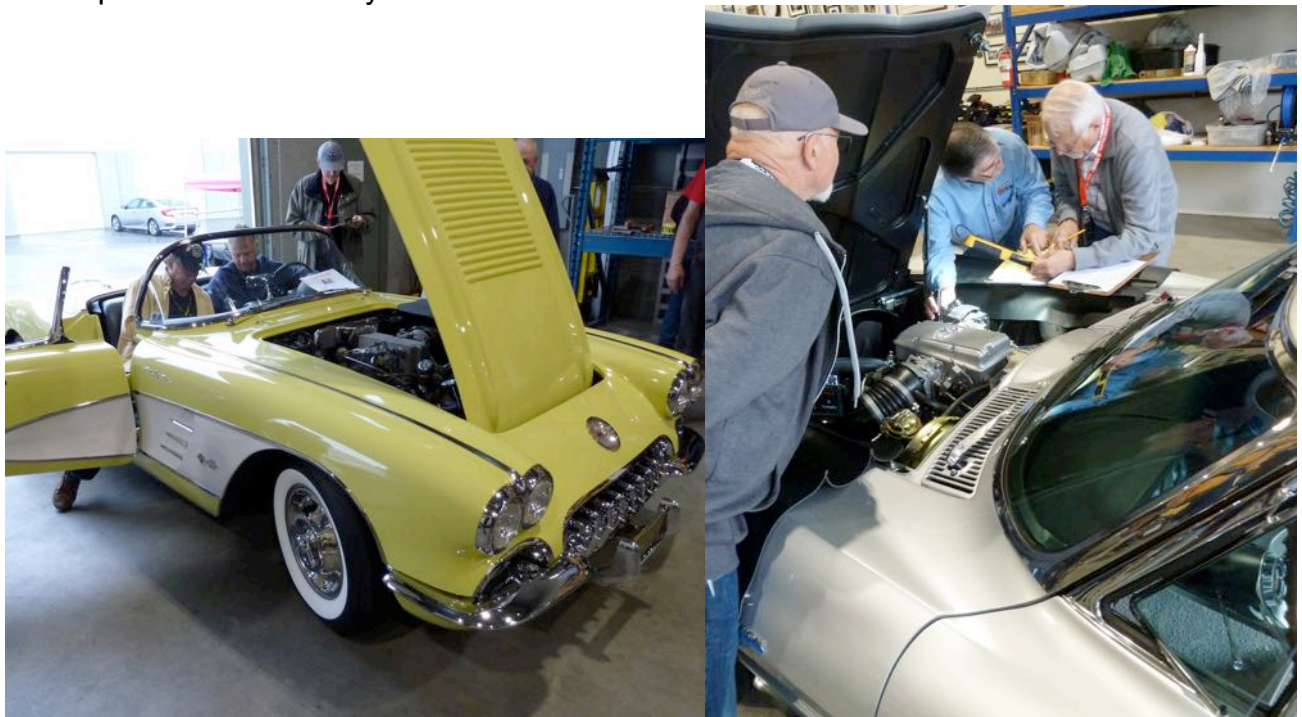




The 2019 chapter meet was held a new venue. Al Tuningley provided a superb facility for judging two cars: a Panama Yellow 1958 owned by Ken Blankstein and Al Tuningley's silver 1964 FI roaster. Both flight judged cars earned Top Flight. To introduce the day the technical session was an examination of Rick Nordin's 65 Corvette chassis and drivetrain.



Some photos from the day:



















Many thanks to everyone who attended and especially those who made it happen and ensured everything ran so smoothly: Al for providing the venue, Al and Ken for having their cars judged, Grant and Brent for all the organization and logistical efforts, all the judges, Bryce and Alicia for running the registration table, Preston Chevrolet for providing the new C7 for display and everyone else who contributed. It may have been pouring rain outside (which probably reduced attendance?) but inside a good time was had by all – especially with Grant’s famously excellent lunch.



## NW NCRS Chapter Judging meet

On June 29, four BCC members attended the NW chapter held at Dan Johnson's in Woodinville. Two C2 cars were judged: a 1963 white coupe and a 1967 big block roadster. Some photos from that meet are below. A sunny day with a great turnout and another excellent lunch!





## Western Regional Meet in South Lake Tahoe Nevada

The western regional was organized and run superbly by the three California NCRS chapters. The difference in scale between the size of chapter meets and a regional are always so noticeable. A similar increase in scale between the regional and national meets also exists. Below is most of the judging field (and parking lot) from the hotel window.



There was good representation from the NW and BC chapters. Two NW (and BCC) members should be lauded for extra effort. Dan Johnson brought his 1960 for PV. Bob Johansen brought his recently completed 1967 big block for judging – shown below.





## LOOKING FORWARD

There are a number of upcoming NCRS regional and national meets that you might be interested in attending in 2020. **Also The BCC Chapter Judging meet Saturday June 6!**

February 19-22 Lakeland Florida Regional

May 14-16 Latham NY Regional

June 11-13 Loveland Colorado Regional

June 11-13 Rochester Minnesota Regional

July 19-24 **National Convention** French Lick Indiana

**August 20-23 NW regional in Redmond Oregon**

October 22-24 Frisco Texas

In 2021 The National Convention returns to the west coast July 18-22 Palm Springs CA

One of the non-NCRS events in the Pacific Northwest that has been an annual event for the past 45 years, the **Corvette and High Performance Swap Meet at Puyallup**, appears will not happen in 2020. Below is a posting on their website. Sad – it was a regular weekend outing for many Corvette owners.

<https://www.facebook.com/Corvette-High-Performance-118744858135597/>

## Tech Topic - Canadian delivered Corvettes – C2 Radiator label

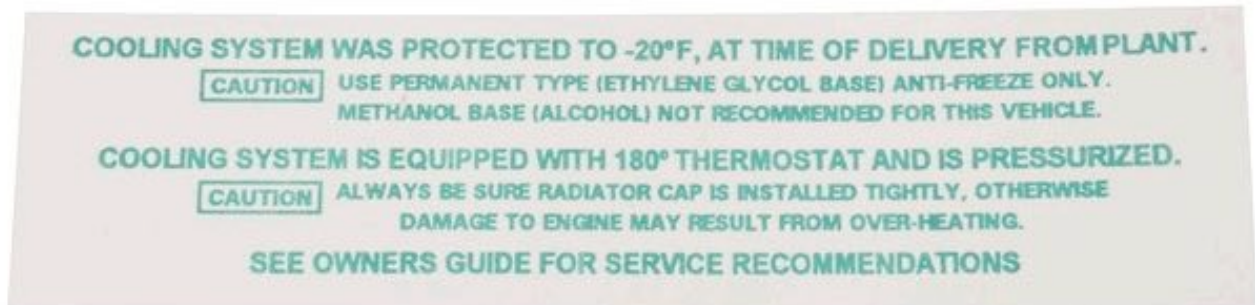
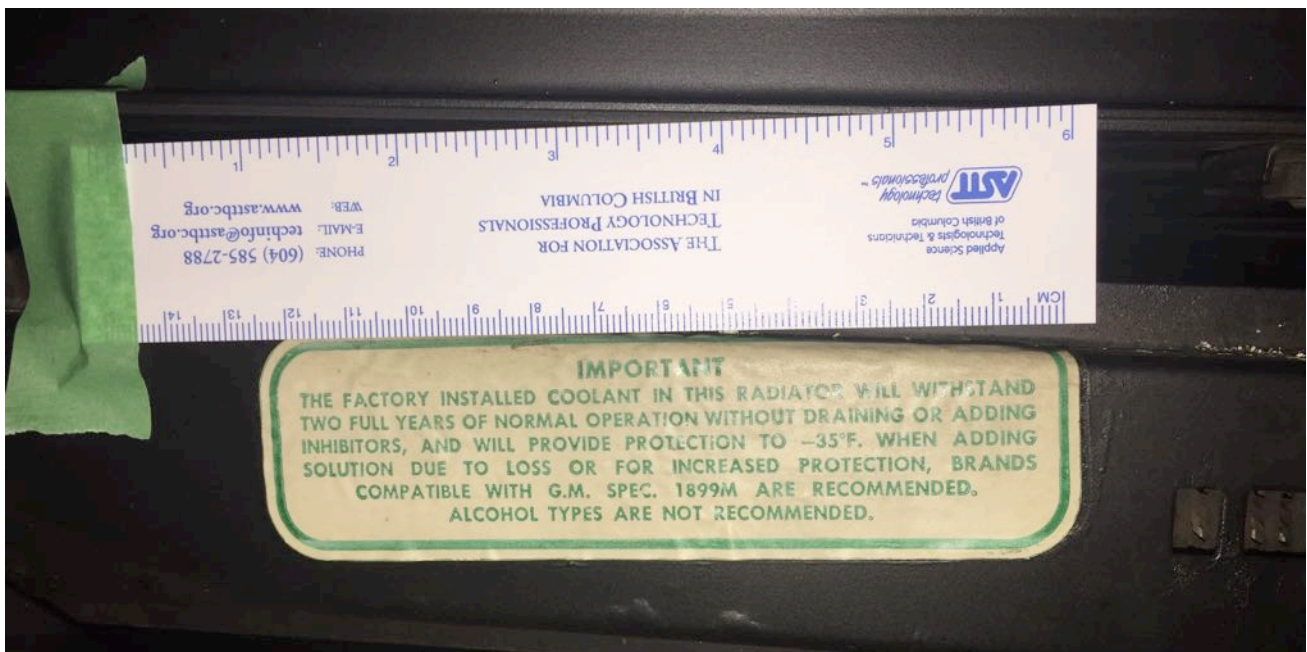
Corvettes sold in Canada are only a small fraction of overall production especially for C1 and C2. The table below (copied from Restorer issue 18-1 p 50) shows the number of Corvettes sold in Canada over the period 1956-1987. I couldn't easily find data for later years other than 1997 when 325 cars were sold in Canada.

C1	C2	C3	C4
1953 -	1963 149	1968 525	1984 1759
1954 -	1964 238	1969 879	1985 1944
1955 -	1965 251	1970 606	1986 1665
1956 41	1966 381	1971 994	1987 1553
1957 20	1967 396	1972 1233	1988 1304
1958 44		1973 2079	
1959 -		1974 2751	
1960 63		1975 3097	
1961 0		1976 4289	
1962 132		1977 4123	
		1978 4516	
		1979 5536	
		1980 2689	
		1981 2684	
		1982 459	



Some clues that a car was Canadian delivered include bilingual warrantee books beginning about 1969 and speedometers with kilometers per hour markings beginning in the 1970s. Before that there was few if any obvious features that identified a car that was originally shipped to Canada. The topic of this short article is a little known difference with cars from 1965, 1966 and 1967 – and perhaps earlier?

Cars destined for Canada were presumed to be subject to colder weather so received a different antifreeze mix. Surviving 65-67 window stickers or order sheets have a mandatory RPO V48. Canadian spec cars had higher antifreeze content than US cars. The warning sticker on the rad shroud specifies -35°F protection for cars destined for Canada rather than -20°F for US sold Corvettes. A photo of the radiator sticker from Brent Connors very original Canadian delivered 1966 coupe is shown below as well as the standard radiator label for US sold cars. Few of these easily damaged or removed labels have survived the passage of time and also since so few cars were delivered to Canada.



There is also some documentation that Canadian delivered cars also were supplied with heavier duty batteries than US spec cars – but no data found yet.



Material for the next newsletter would be gratefully received: photos of cars and events, restoration and maintenance details, for sale and wanted parts or cars, technical articles and generally anything of general interest for chapter members.

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