



BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Message From the NCRS BC Chapter President

The BC Chapter accomplished another milestone. We had our first overnight 'Road Tour' to a Regional or National. Steve drove his 1971 Big Block with Grant as his navigator. I drove my 1960 (both non air-conditioned), with Ray and Mike trailering their 1965 convertible from the Island (with Rick as a road tour member), meeting with us at the USA Border heading south eventually to Redmond, Oregon. Along the way members joined our convoy. Dave from Federal Way, WA, met us at the I-90 East junction with his trailered 1966 Big Block convertible. We all drove south-east to Ellensburg, WA, where we were to stay the night. The guys in the air-conditioned trucks told Steve, Grant and I their outside thermometers read around 100' F in the afternoon. Arne and Doris who drove from Salmon Arm, BC, in their 1963 convertible, met us in Ellensburg that same night. We all made the final trek south to Redmond the next day knowing all Corvettes had to be on the judging field before 4:00 PM. We had been warned the previous day that there was some road construction involving tar and gravel on the typical shortest route, so those of us driving our cars had to do a work around. The trailering guys kindly decided to stick together. Even though this added an extra hour and a half to the driving time to Redmond, I must say the beautiful scenery made the trip worthwhile. Stunning area to drive through, but there was a few tense moments as fueling stations were quite spread out along the way. I have to say the old Corvettes performed flawlessly going up and through the mountains in such hot conditions.

This NW Regional was the first after the National. We understand that a third to half the participants at the National developed COVID. Therefore, this event was very short of Team Leads and Judges. Everyone was extremely busy the moment we arrived. We did a lot of judging on both hot, sunny days to get everything completed per schedule. The judging field collection was quite special for a Regional, as it had everything from a 1953 (1 of 300) to a 1967 L-88 (1 of 20) being represented. Our BC Chapter should be very proud of its contribution to this Regional, and was much appreciated by the event organizers.

At the Awards Banquet & Dinner, our American friends and fellow members told us the 'Canadian table' did very well. First, I would like to congratulate Rick Nordin in receiving his 'Master Judge Black Hat'. Well done! As you will see in the following photo, all the Canadian Corvettes received a ribbon or two. Our BC Chapter is getting known for its good Corvettes and its good members, thanks all to you the membership.

Sincerely Yours,
Brent Connors #9643
BCC-NCRS Chairman

Message From the NCRS BC Judging Chairman

Hello All BCCNCRS and NW Chapter members

The Regionals was a blast and a bucket list for me. Usually attending the Redmond Regionals I would be on plane and renting a car to the destination. This year Steve wanted to top flight his 71 454 at a Regional and he called me up and two cars and a Rays and Mikes trailered their 1965 and were heading up to Redmond. Brent drove his 60 to get judged in Concours and he received a top flight, I figured I would give it a shot and a to do bucket list...659 miles one way. Two days to and 12 hours straight back and Steve wanted to do all the driving and what a job. The car ran like big cat and not an issue. Not a leak anywhere as that was good because I had to do some judging on the 70 to 72 vettes. First time I judged Steve's car and it did top flight. He did tell me that he left something on the car to see if we picked it up.....yes we did and he got a small deduct. Couldn't sneak that one past us Judges

I was supposed to be the navigator but 5 miles out of Blaine we got lost. So it was decided that Brent would be the lead car and lead us the way. The scenery was great, In Seattle a 68 yellow Camaro saddled with us until the lady had to turn off and she commented how she liked Steve's car but he was busy driving. Lots of fill ups as the 454 like to drink the fuel but mileage was pretty good. I took some pictures following Brent and some photos coming back. As a navigator I nodded off a few times but did see the tire tubes that blew off a truck and Steve was doing a weaving course and also that table that was on in the middle of the highway.....but on the way to the regionals I was aware of hearing a ting ting ting and I looked to the left and I saw his original cap bounce to the cement barricade. The road was like a wash board. The next stop we hand banged the caps and they were ok. Gary Craig lent Steve a cap to be judged off his top flight 71 LT1 display car.

At the Regionals was a lot of fun and Rick got his 100 point master cap and I think he had a blast of previously not judging too many cars to judging 9 cars at the event. Glad he got some judging duties and well deserved,

Ray and Mike finally got their top flight at the event and they were extremely happy after a few more years of correcting deductions and getting full points. Hard work pays off !!!!!!! Vic received a second flight and well deserved too. I think he wants to tinker and review what deductions and correct them for a future judging event.

I finally met Bob Heffley Judging Chair Committee of the Intermountain Chapter. Told him covid prevented us Canadians to come up and judge some cars but there is 2023. All in all a great time enjoyed by all and the ribbons was a bonus. Arne and Doris was part of the caravan heading back to BC. Arne got longest driven award!!!! Arne also got a top flight in the Concours Modified 427 class We didn't get lost till we hit part of Seattle as Arne wanted to go the other route and I told Steve this is not the way. We gave hugs to Arne and Doris and they were on the other route back to Salmon Arm

I was again amazed of how Steve's car handled and never overheated.....I guess I better hurry up and get my 71 454 auto finished up and have our members judge and find some deduction!!!! Payback!!!!

Sincerely yours,
Grant Wong
BCCNCRS Judging Chairman

Chapter Road Trip to the NCRS Regional at Redmond

Brent and Grant have given you great descriptions of the adventure so below are some of the photos from the trip with some comments. Thank to Grant and Brent for the photo contributions



rendezvous at the rest stop south of Blaine



making sure everyone has each others phone numbers



gas stop – we had quite a few!



lunch stop



On the road – Grant’s view from Steve’s 71



Steve was running low on gas needed a “splash” of gas to make it to the next town. The always prepared Armstrong brothers had a five gallon carboy in their trailer



Group photo – Columbia River in the background: Rick, Grant, Brent, Steve, Mike and Ray Armstrong.



Steve's 1971 454 on the judging field at Redmond



Ray Armstrong's 1965 at the meet with Brent's car in the background



C1s: a 1953, 54 and 55 in Harvest Gold



Dave Berger's 1966 427/425 Top Flight car



More C1s: Vic's red 62 is fourth car from left



Where else might you see three 63 white coupes?



Or a 1967 L-88?



Arne and Doris' 1963 driven from Salmon Arm

Saturday Night Awards Banquet



Dave – Top Flight



Steve – Top Flight



Concours for Brent and Concours for Arne and Doris as well as Longest Driven



Ray and Mike with their Top Flight Ribbon



Vic with his Second Flight Ribbon. Rick with his Master Judge hat
Vic registered his car as a Sportsman display but was convinced to have his car Flight judged - and do judging!



From the awards banquet: Top Flight ribbons for Steve, the Armstrongs, Dave Berger and Second flight for Vic's 1962, Concours ribbons for Brent and the Chaddocks and furthest driven ribbon for Arne and Doris as well and Rick's Master Judge black hat

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