



# BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## Message From the NCRS BC Chapter President

COVID seems to be all around us these days, it has affected some of my own family and I hope anyone effected as we were is blessed with relatively minor health issues. As a result, I can say am very thankful for the positive distractions brought about by my car club affiliations. The great Corvettes and the great owners I get to associate with. This time of year is when I renew both my annual National and BC Chapter memberships, so I can look forward to what could be islands of excitement in a sea of pandemic turmoil. Personally, I am hoping by mid-year the COVID situation subsides enough that we may all start attending NCRS events without too much hesitation. Events like our own BC Chapter Judging event in the first week of June, the 2022 National Convention in the last week of July and of course our own North West Regionals mid-August. 2022 could be the year our BC Chapter actually has a second event as well. More of a social event possibly with a judging school sometime in September, but again that will depend on local health orders. Let us not forget our American friends in the North West and Intermountain Chapter. When the Border restrictions subside, they will have several events we could attend and show our support. Please let us know if there is an happening of interest to our membership and we will try to set up a more formal travel group to attend. During the brief relaxation of Border restrictions in the beginning of December 2021, Margie and I attended the NW Chapter's Holiday Party in Olympia WA. A luncheon where it was good to talk Corvettes and see old friends again. A solid reminder of what great support there is for our BC Chapter just south of the Border when the circumstances will allow. This could be another type of club event we should consider for our Chapter even though our membership is quite spread out geographically. Please stay well.

Best regards, Brent E Connors

# Message From the NCRS BC Judging Chairman

Hello Fellow BCCNCRS and NWNCRS members

I hope everyone enjoyed their Xmas and had a safe and Happy belated New year 2022

There is a virtual judging school from The Heart of Ohio Chapter on C1 through C3 Corvette Frames. It will take place on 1/22 and will start at 10am EST (7am for us). Please sign up if you are interested

https://www.forums.ncrs.org/register/event-subscription.php

We will be having a BCCNCRS Chapter meet this year, possibly June 4, or June 11, 2022. We will get feedback as to what is the best date. We will have a couple of nice cars to judge and the missed catered lunch will be on.... I need to carry on the tradition

Hope to see all of you soon and please stay safe during this Covid situation Thanks, Grant BCC NCRS Judging Chairman

#### **NEWS**

Interesting news from Grant – he has acquired yet another car! As a Christmas present to himself, he now has the earliest known 1971 LT-1. He admits that it does need some work but he is very enthusiastic about getting started on the restoration. Attached are a couple of photos from a video that Grant took of the delivery his new treasure still on the transporter.



Some sad news to report. BC Chapter charter member Wayne Midkiff passed away in December.

I met Wayne when he attended the inauguration of the BCCNRS chapter in Salmon Arm. Being an NCRS member he was one of our best supporting members and was so excited a new NCRS Chapter was to begin. The first couple of years was new for BCCNCRS but we always had the support of Wayne and Arlene coming out to visit our chapter for a couple of years. On the third year forward Wayne came out like a trooper every year supporting BCCNCRS.

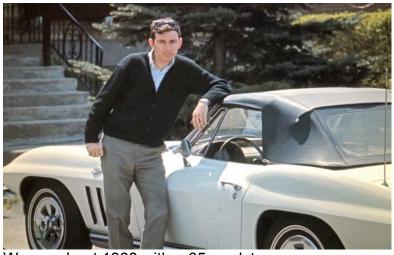
In the last 10 years Wayne could only come out a few times and we always welcome his support. One of his last chapter visits he came out in his hybrid car he boosted about coming out to BC and still had gas to get back home. Prior to that we had talked about his parts collection and my parts collection and he didn't have a nice rad cap. When he attended the BCC NCRS Chapter and just before leaving..... I give him a rare 307 cap that was in mint condition and his eyes lit up. He was doing the jiggly wiggly back to his car and on his way home to Alberta.

The last time Wayne came up was a few years ago and this time he brought out an original dated Ti distributor for my 69 L71 that I was restoring. I sold my other Ti distributor by mistake. He gave me a good deal and he had told me Arlene was busy with family and couldn't come out. I made sure he had enough water and a nice light snack for the road back to Alberta. I was then jiggly wiggly in getting this Ti for my 69 L71. The Ti Distributor that Wayne gave me is installed on the motor and when I fire it up, I will light up the tires and dedicate that moment to Wayne.

RIP Wayne you are missed.

Thank you to Wayne's wife Arlene for permission to post this remembrance and for the photos.

**Grant Wong** 



Wayne about 1968 with a 65 roadster



His 66 coupe in the snow and slush of a Montreal winter



Wayne's blue 65 with KO wheel in the passenger seat



Wayne's "bookends"



The Northwest Chapter has been very supportive of the BC chapter for many years. With the covid travel restrictions, it has made travel across the border to take part in the Northwest chapter activities impossible but with the recent border relaxation, our chairman Brent took the opportunity to attend the December 5th NW Chapter Holiday Brunch at the Budd Bay Café in Olympia.



# Upcoming Important Judging meet

The Northwest Chapter is organizing and hosting a Regional NCRS Judging event August 18-20 in Redmond Oregon. Mark the date down in your calendar. Registration is on the NCRS website.

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Another NW Chapter initiative by Chapter Chairman Dan Johnson was to solicit a parts list that members had for sale or wanted – a kind of Virtual Classified. For those BC members who are not members of the NW chapter and are interested, contact me and I'll email the list to you. You may find parts that you need?

### 2022 Membership Renewal

Last but not least is a reminder that membership dues for 2022 are now due. The memberships enable the chapter to put on the judging schools and whatever other events that can be arranged. Dues can be paid on-line on the NCRS website. On the NCRS website, click on the tab for services and scroll down to "Chapter membership" and fill in the boxes.

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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