



# BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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### **Message From the NCRS BC Chapter President**

Hello Everyone,

#### **BC Chapter Flight Judging Event Saturday June 8**

Our discussions with the Dueck Auto Group have been quite successful. We have found their senior management to be real 'car guys', and understand the significance of the Corvette brand. They have been proven to be knowledgeable in promoting car shows and very generous in what they have to offer. We have had several meetings to work out the details, and our hope is to make the day enjoyed by all participants. Please to be sure to complete your, "June 8th BCCNCRS Flight Judging Event Registration", on the NCRS website ASAP, so Grant can set up the judging allocations and we know how many people to plan for one of Grant's famous lunches.

Focusing in on the main event items, the Dueck showroom will be divided into three main parts. The Corvettes to be judged will be parked in front of the main doors with their own portable lift, so they can be pushed directly backwards for 'Operations' checks outside (to stop running engines exhaust entering the showroom). Next to this judging section will be a mini Corvette show. We need approximately 12 Corvettes for our part, so please let Grant and/or I know if you wish to participate. Your car will need to be parked the morning before the judging event, June 7<sup>th</sup> inside the show room. The third section will be used to surround the other two sections with the latest GM specialty cars like the 2024 Z06 with Z07 package, E-Ray, and the latest high dollar GM models.

If all goes to plan, all Corvettes driven to the judging event (NCRS member or not) will have a photo taken of their car and later mounted on a large press board to hang in the owner's garage. So, please invite all your Corvette buddies! Additionally, Dueck is using their influence as a large PPG paint product customer to arrange for one of PPG's paint experts to present in our judging school the morning of the judging event. Fingers crossed!

The BC Chapter is looking for a couple of volunteers for each of the following event tasks: a) registration table and membership drive, b) raffle ticket sales, and c) Corvette parking. If anyone would like to make a donation to the raffle, please let us know and we will make room for the item.

We will be having two more coordination meetings with Dueck before the judging event to try to cover as many variables as possible. Dueck has been very generous with their staff, donations, and funds towards our joint goal of making this a fun time within the Corvette hobby for all enthusiasts.

#### **2024 NCRS Judges Training Retreat**

Every three to four years the NCRS has a Judges Training Retreat usually located in Grapevine, Texas, USA. Training is a two day course with the first day being a series of in-depth lectures and the second day dedicated to actual hands on judging with high-level judge's guidance. We had a good Canadian contingent in attendance; Grant Wong, Rick Nordin and myself from western Canada and at Andy Goodman from the Ontario Chapter.

The ten hours of lectures primarily followed new, 'Standard Deduction Guidelines', and how they should be interpreted and applied in actual judging field circumstances. I found the sections on, 'Engine Block Cylinder Cases' and the latest, 'NCRS Paint Flowchart', particularly useful. Note: the most recent standard deduction guidelines are color coded; 'light blue'. All other colored sheets are now redundant.

The format for actual Corvette judging had changed since the last judging retreat. Each Corvette had an associated bullpen with four, four hundred level or above judges assigned to it. The retreat attendees would judge a Corvette for fifteen minutes and then return to the bullpen to discuss what they had learned for fifteen minutes, while another group of attendees judged the same Corvette in their place. The groups switched multiple times between the bull pen and Corvette making an intense all day learning program. Each group judged at least four very original Corvettes. There was no time wasted, but a person could squeeze in the occasional specific question regarding their own personal requirements. In my case I have always wanted to understand what made an original side-pipe car, and the best way to look for the evidence. I was certainly in the right group of people to find out. I highly recommend anyone who wants to learn more about NCRS judging to attend the next judge's retreat. A judge receives twenty judging points when they complete the course.





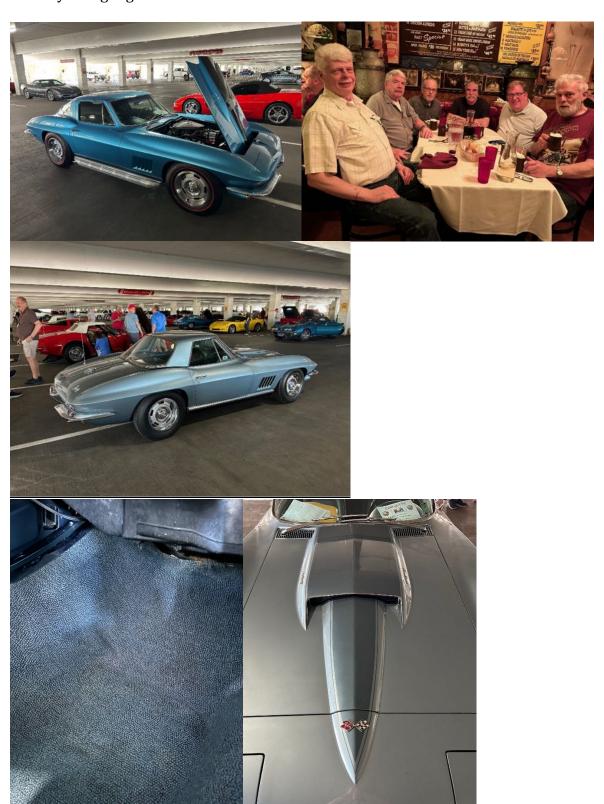
#### 2024 NCRS SOCAL Las Vegas Regional

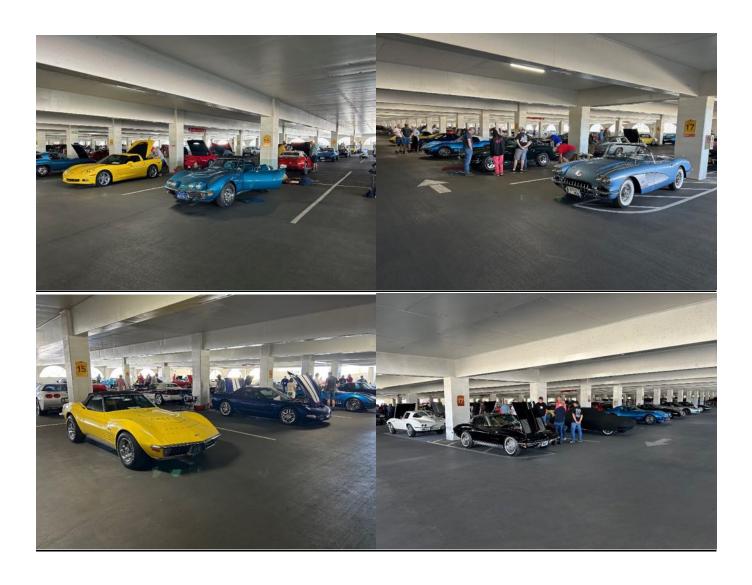
Las Vegas is one of my favorite places to attend any NCRS event, especially a Regional or National. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, I was on my own this time. I shared a great comradery with the NW Chapter members who were in attendance. We are not gamblers, so the biggest challenge was to find the best restaurant at a reasonable price. Wow, what an expensive town! I can see why the SOCAL Chapter chose the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino for their event location. The rooms were relatively cheap on the weekdays and they could reserve a judging area on the second floor of the parkade. The judging was out of the direct sunlight and the April outside temperature to my surprise, was very comfortable.

I arrived on the Thursday, then attended the judging school earning one judging point (Concours Judging), and the welcome reception. Friday morning was all business. My assignment was 1963 to 1964 Interior judging and we judged three 1963 coupes before lunch earning three judging points. One of the goals of the judging retreat was to help judges take less time in the judging process. Glad I had some additional training in this regard. I had no judging assignment on Saturday, so I joined the Advanced Judging School. There are two parts, morning and afternoon, and you must attend both parts to earn the three judging points. In listing my judging point totals, I want to demonstrate how judges earn points even though they may not be allocated judging assignments for that event. Only judging on Friday, I was still able to earn the maximum points at a Regional, seven. There is no need to chase judging points, as your attendance is what really matters (knowledge gained and comradery).

Again, there were changes from the normal judging school classes. Part 1; we had an open discussion on judging in the field and people were encouraged to talk about their worst NCRS judging experience and share why. What an interesting way to fill the morning session and we all learned a thing or two. I am thinking our Chapter should have some training sessions like this one. Part 2; was all about the participant's Corvettes. We went out into the judging field and talked about how one would judge that particular Corvette. Some examples that stuck out to me were Corvette Mike's 1967 Marina Blue L89. It is one of sixteen, rarer than a L88. The rumor is he paid a million dollars for it and it was there to PV (Performance Verification). There was an all original 1967 Elkhart Blue L36 convertible. I took photos of the original Stinger paint layout and its original carpet corn rows. Saturday also had a late afternoon TECH Session on the various series of Corvette, 'Cooling System and Coolants'. Saturday evening has the awards banquet & presentation, but some attendees leave before the final dinner. The meal is not

something to write home about, but the opportunity to meet new people and talk about their Corvettes is always a highlight for me.





#### NCRS National & Chapter Membership Procedure

Recently, I have been approached by potential new Chapter members and a few existing Chapter members asking advise on how to become/renew a membership using the NCRS website. For those whom are not familiar with the rather cumbersome website process, I have included below, a set-by-step procedure to guide them through the many steps to become a member of our BC Chapter. Please pass it on to assist anyone thinking about joining our NCRS BC Chapter.

Please do not hesitate to call me (mobile 604-807-7242) for more information or clarification. Your comments and ideas would be most appreciated.

Best regards,

Brent E Connors (#9643)

BC Chapter Chairman

# NCRS National & Chapter Membership Procedure:

**Note:** A member must have a 'National Membership Number' to be able to register as a Chapter member.

**Step 1**: National Membership;

- 1. Go to HOME page, www.ncrs.org
- 2. Place pointer on, "SERVICES"
- 3. Scroll pointer down to click on, "SERVICES OVERVIEW"

- 4. Click on, "Join NCRS Here!"
- 5. Click on, "NEW NCRS Membership Canadian Residents"
- 6. Click on, "Add to Cart"
- 7. Click on, "Cart (1 Item)"
- 8. Click on, "PROCEED TO CHECKOUT"
- 9. Perform the 3 step Checkout procedure and complete the payment process
- 10. Acquire National Membership number.

#### **Step 2**: Chapter Membership;

- 1. Return to www.ncrs.org HOME page
- 2. Place pointer on, "SERVICES"
- 3. Scroll pointer down to click on, "SERVICES OVERVIEW"
- 4. Click on, "Join or Renew a Chapter Membership"
- 5. Scroll pointer down to, "Select the Chapter that you wish to join or renew"
- 6. Select, "British Columbia Chapter", in the Chapter drop down list box
- 7. Scroll pointer down to, "Year (select year to pay dues for)"
- 8. Select, "20XX", in the Year drop down list box
- 9. Scroll pointer down to, "No. of years to extend"
- 10. Select, "1 Year (CAD 30)" or "2 Years (CAD 60)"
- 11. Scroll pointer down to and Select, "NEXT>"
- 12. Scroll pointer down to Select form of Payment, "PayPal" or "Click <u>here</u> to learn how to pay with a credit card via PayPal"
- 13. Scroll pointer down to and Select, "Pay"
- 14. Perform the relevant checkout procedure and complete the payment process

## Message From the NCRS BC Chapter Judging Chairman May 8 Update

This year has been very busy for both Brent and myself. A lot of work especially with Brent's charisma have secured a GM dealership to host BCCNRS Chapter event June 8, 2024 this year. This is a special Inaugural event for a local Chapter to be sponsored by a GM dealership. Mr Moray Keith whom is the proprietor of many Dueck locations has generously offered the BCC NCRS chapter to host the event at Dueck On Marine Vancouver BC.

We are judging a 64 small block convertible and a 67 BB coupe 390hp. Judging school is ...cross our fingers a PPG paint representative. I will send you out reminders of your judging assignments There will be many surprises and I will make sure everyone is fed well and not go home hungry, There is a Cafeteria at Dueck On Marine and signs will be posted as it is down stairs. Muffins and coffee will be there and also lunch. Your name tag is the ticket for lunch!!!! So grab your name tags at registration desk in front of entrance. For all judges during the event if you grab water or pop at judging level, there will be a recycle can and garbage can, we need to have a clean facility When you arrive in a corvette you will be escorted to corvette parking. If you are in sportsman class you will be escorted to Sportsman parking which will be in front of the building and there will be a few Sportsman to be parked inside the building, Those Sportsman cars who will be parking inside Friday I will confirm time when to move in your car. There maybe one or two special cars to be parked inside on the day of event.

Any car to be parked inside the building will be pushed in and not driven in. Please remember that rule.

When you drive your corvette to the event you will be meet with a Photographer on Saturday. He will give you a card and fill in your information, a photo will be taken with you and the car. At a later date a 1/3 sized poster will be sent to your home address or to be picked up at Dueck On Marine

For the Friday arrivals we will coordinate with the photographer on Saturday to have your photo taken For those people driving a non corvette you will be directed to another parking spot.

I really need for all of you to register asap as we still need 2 judges for Ops for 67 exterior 67, Exterior 64, Mechanical 64 Chassis 64

If need to be I can do exterior as I did learn a few things at the Judges Retreat 2024.

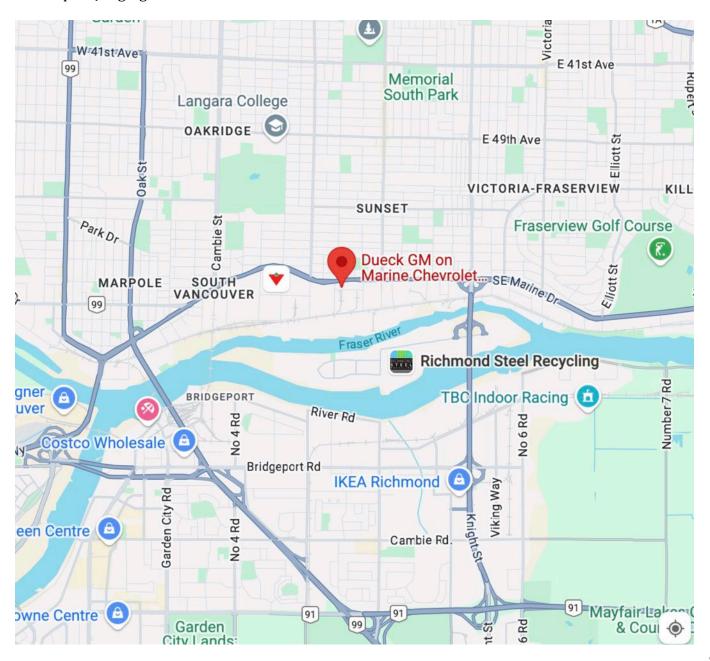
If anyone has any questions please feel free to call me 604-618-0828 or send me an email to <a href="mailto:grantwong@telus.net">grantwong@telus.net</a>

Hope to see new faces and old faces and we will have a great time.

Humbly yours

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BC Chapter Judging Chairman



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