



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 2024

I hope the BC Chapter membership shares my view that our 2024 annual judging event at the Dueck Auto Group's SE Marine dealership was a great success. This was a sort of trial run for the parties involved. Our NCRS Chapter to have its first opportunity to work with an actual GM sponsor and for Dueck to work with a car club that judges Corvettes or any cars for that matter, in our specific methodology.

The weather certainly helped with the turn out. The dealership building layout turned out to be the perfect size for what we wanted to accomplish. The natural lighting was very good for the judging. Moray Keith, President of Dueck Auto Group, brought in two of his own portable hoists, one for each Corvette judged. Both C2 Corvettes were beautiful representatives of our hobby, and much appreciation to the owners for putting them up for judging. I also want to thank our members for bringing in their Corvettes to provide a show environment around the judging field. Dueck extended to show field by providing the latest GM specialty vehicles between the judging event and the open parts department with the latest high performance parts. Attendees seemed very interested in looking at the presentation stock. Dueck's boardroom was an excellent venue to present our judging school. PPG provided two paint experts to discuss the differences between the paint used on old Corvettes compared to what's available in the market today. A very interesting discussion was had regarding the paint products. The PPG representatives latter voiced their pleasure about attending this event. Grant and his lovely family did not disappoint, as the rib lunch was as delicious as always! I believe Dueck's staff was quite impressed with the meal too.

Again, I want to thank our gracious hosts. Moray Keith and 14 members of their staff were excellent to work with during this event. Moray provided the raffle prizes, judge's gifts, vehicle movers, hoist operators, mechanical emergency help, parking directors, car show and marketing expertise. Everything one could hope for from a sponsor, including attendee Corvette fiberboard photos. A marketing process spearheaded by Dueck.

A gallery of photos from the Chapter judging meet are posted on the website – under the “photos” tab. <https://bcc-ncrs.ca/past-meets/nggallery/album/bcc-ncrs-8june-2024-at-duecks>

Time ran out for 2024, but 2025 will hopefully allow our BC Chapter to have a second judging event. Our first is typically the first week in June, and a second one the second or third week in September. The executive will keep everyone informed as things develop. I have 13 remaining Corvette fiberboard photos taken at the Dueck event that have not been distributed to their owners. Please contact me via email (brentconnors@hotmail.com) to arrange for pickup.

2024 NCRS National 50th Anniversary Convention

This year's National Convention was held in Hampton, VA. When I checked the Google Maps it was located as far East from Vancouver, BC as one could get. But, it was the 50th Anniversary. To arrive in time for the opening day 'Registration' and 'Welcome Reception', I had to take a redeye flight the night before just to get there in time. Travelling in from the Airport, you could see destroyers, submarines and the impressive aircraft carriers at the Norfolk Naval Base. A little different from what I see from our shoreline. The Hilton Hampton Convention Center is a beautiful facility well suited to task. With a hurricane coming up the eastern coast line, the covered hundred foot walk between the hotel and convention center was always a stimulating trip. Sometimes the rain would literally blow sideways under the walkway!

Representation from the Pacific Northwest was somewhat subdued from the usual. So, we all hung out together through the multiple events. There seemed to be more Corvettes on display, ranging from a very rare 1 of 3, 1998 Corvette Convertible painted in RPO# 58U, Aztec Gold Metallic, to no fewer than 35 big block 1967's, to the highlight for me, the collection of American Heritage candidates and previous recipients. Typically, vintage Corvette race cars. An outstanding group of rarely seen Corvettes placed side by side.

If I had one issue with this judging event, it would be the lack of judging or observer judging opportunities available. As I understand the situation, 400+ point judges wanting to obtain their 5 star ranking had taken most of the spots available. Unfortunately, some of the new people to our hobby told me of their disappointment to travel that distance and not get a chance to judge. Yet, not all was lost as the judging schools and technical sessions were top notch which provided some judging points. Two technical session highlights for me. First, the 'Chat with Corvette Engineers (C4, C5, C6, C7 & C8 outgoing and current)'. They told fascinating behind the scene stories that made themselves, and we all laugh. Tadge Juechter, the retiring Corvette Chief Engineer, drove an experimental ZR1 to the event and parked it outside so everyone could see it up close. In case of a driving failure, it has a large red button place on top of the dash to kill the car immediately. Second, (and one of the main reasons I traveled all that way), was to attend Roy Sinor's presentation on 'Collector Car Fraud'. I had been receiving calls from fellow hobbyists saying this presentation indicated one of the alleged, most prolific Corvette fraudster's lives in British Columbia. This does not reflect well on our car community. I attended Roy's presentation and we spoke later that night. It was a fascinating discussion, covering everything from fraud, to how car auctions work behind the scenes, and where the collector car industry is going in the near future. This also made the long trip worthwhile. If I may, I would ask anyone who could help me understand the Corvette fraud better in our Province, please do not hesitate to call me, (604) 807-7242.

Attending a National Convention is usually more expensive than a Regional or Chapter event mainly due to its time frame, 6 or 7 days, and its relative location to home base. Personally, I find the educational aspect of a National more desirable compared to the ability to log judging points. I recommend every member to try and partake in a National event when the opportunity presents itself. The 2025 NCRS National Convention will be Las Vegas, Nevada, on September 7th to 11th, placing it on the west coast.









Pacific Northwest Chapter Judging Events

A few of us got together to attend other near by Chapter's judging and social events. Its great fun meeting other members, talking about their project Corvettes, locating hard to find parts, and judge some very rare Corvettes. The NW Chapter and the BC Chapter have a very good reciprocating policy to provide judges for each others events. They also have some social gatherings like a Holiday luncheon in December to close out the year. I believe our Chapter should think about how we could start having social events without the judging aspect.

This year the Inter-mountain Chapter asked if we could help with judges for their summer judging event located in Post Falls, Idaho, just east of Spokane, WA. Their Chapter has the same spread out geographical issues as our Chapter. This event was at the very northern part of their Idaho territory. Gary and Kayla Mains put on a supper social at their home the night before. Jim and Chris Klines hosted the judging event the next day. As one of the members once said, "Big doesn't mean better". Even though it was a 6 hour drive each way, this was a great opportunity to help another Chapter and teach new members the art of NCRS judging at this smaller venue.

Again, I recommend any of our membership to participate in other Chapter events. Please do not hesitate to contact Grant, Rick or me if you would like to join us traveling to these events.



Closing Comments

I would like to remind everyone to pay their National and Chapter dues for 2025. We have National members in our geographical area who are not registered Chapter members. If you know of someone in this situation, or know of a fellow Corvette enthusiast who is thinking about joining the NCRS, please try to promote our club for their consideration.

The Chapter executive and I want to wish all our members a Happy Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Best regards,

Brent E Connors (#9643)

BC Chapter Chairman

Message From the NCRS BC Chapter Judging Chairman

Hello Fellow BCCNCRS members

Hope everyone is doing well and getting the last few rides in the Corvette before putting them to bed. I picked up the posters from our Dueck event and have given Brent a handful to distribute and I have Arne's, Vic's, Keith Bramhill's, Chuck's and Steve's posters which somehow I will get them to you guys. While I was at Dueck on Marine I noticed a brand new C8 and sitting inside was Glenn's new E-Ray. He got his poster of his car that he traded in and here is a couple pictures of Glenn and his new C8 E-Ray

Last judging chapter was in Renton as we judged a 68 L88 and 67 400hp tri power and both cars receiving top flight, It was fun judging the cars and a pleasure to do so.

We were hoping for a November 9th BCCNCRS chapter meet but will not happen because of long distance travelers from the Okanagan. The weather and road conditions is sporadic and if snow falls in the mountains it is not good for our members to travel.

So basically look for June 2025 and Sept 2025 for two BCCNCRS chapter meets.

All the best to everyone

Grant Wong

BCCNCRS

Judging Chairman

Below are Grant's photos from the NW Chapter judging meet at Renton. A 1967 big block coupe and a 1968 L-88!





Chapter Dues

As Brent mentioned, we would be pleased for everyone to renew their chapter dues for 2025. Since we seem to have questions about how to do this every year, here is a review of the easy path for paying:

1. Log on to the NCRS home site (www.ncrs.org) with your name and NCRS password
2. Under the "Join" tab scroll down to "Join Local Chapters", find British Columbia Chapter and there is a link that says "Join / Renew".
3. On the new page, fill in your NCRS number, Zip (Postal) Code and country and then follow the links

New Corvette!

Glenn Bindley has a 2024 e-Ray, purchased from Dueck!



Corvette For Sale

1954 Corvette. It's a very original car with 82206 miles, blue-flame 6 cylinder engine, 2 speed power glide automatic. Ownership history dating back to 1969. Full list of all part numbers and date codes, castings and stampings. Contact Brian Waller

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