

# Shiftin' Gears



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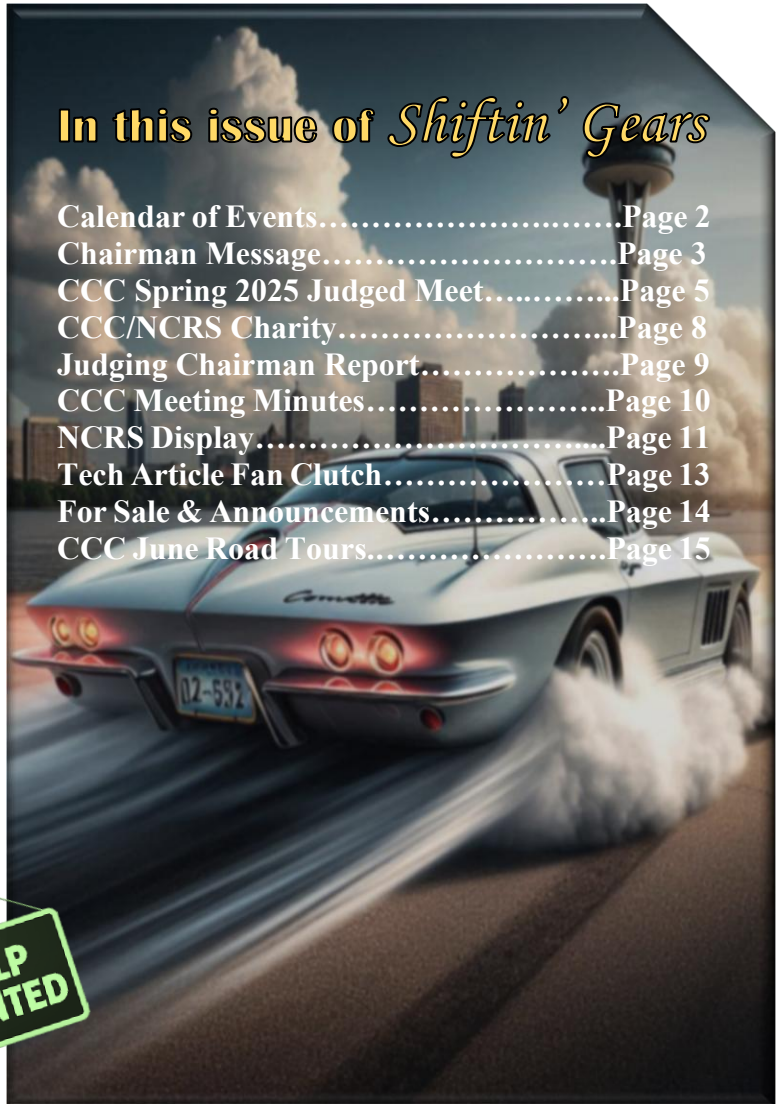


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20 YEAR THROWBACK-CENTRAL  
CALIF CHAPTER FORMATION  
MEETING CIRCA MARCH 2005

### BOTTOM PHOTO:

CCC SPRING 2025 JUDGED MEET  
BUELLTON, CA

# CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025



**June  
20<sup>th</sup>**



***CCC Road  
Tour  
to Ragged  
Point***

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**June  
21<sup>st</sup>**



***CCC Road Tour  
To Norgrove  
Railway***

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**July  
17<sup>th</sup> -  
19<sup>th</sup>**

**Show Me Regional  
Springfield, MO  
University Plaza  
Hotel**

**Register Online**  
**[ncrs.org](http://ncrs.org)**



**Aug 7<sup>th</sup>  
5pm**

**CCC Board Meeting**  
***Zoom***  
**meeting**



**Info: Ron**  
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**All Members  
Welcome!**



**Sept 7<sup>th</sup>  
-11<sup>th</sup>  
2025**

**NCRS National  
Las Vegas  
South Point Casino  
and Spa**

**Register Online**  
**[ncrs.org](http://ncrs.org)**



**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>  
2025**

**NORTHERN CALIF  
CHAPTER**  
**Fall Judged Meet**  
**San Leandro, CA**

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**Nov  
7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Southern Calif  
Fall Judged Meet**  
**5-point, 2-day meet**

**Info:**  
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**408-981-1200**  
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*Hello fellow CCC NCRS Members,*

Our Chapter held a Judged Meet in Buellton, CA on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May that was a success. We started out with expecting four cars to judge and ended up with two. We also had



enough judges available and I believe they gave each car owner a substantial record of information about their respective cars. Ron Bartow, Beth Bartow, and Bruce Fosdike did an excellent job of organizing and conducting the Meet. Bruce filled in as Chief Judge as our own Chief Judge Larry Guevara had to deal with a medical emergency at home. Thank you to all who participated!

Harold Davis continues to arrange events for Corvette owners. Recently he coordinated a Corvette Corral at



the Morro Bay Car show with over 50 Corvettes on display. A highlight was the 1967 Corvette chassis provided by Ron Bartow, and a 1967 Corvette Convertible owned by Jim Roth. The



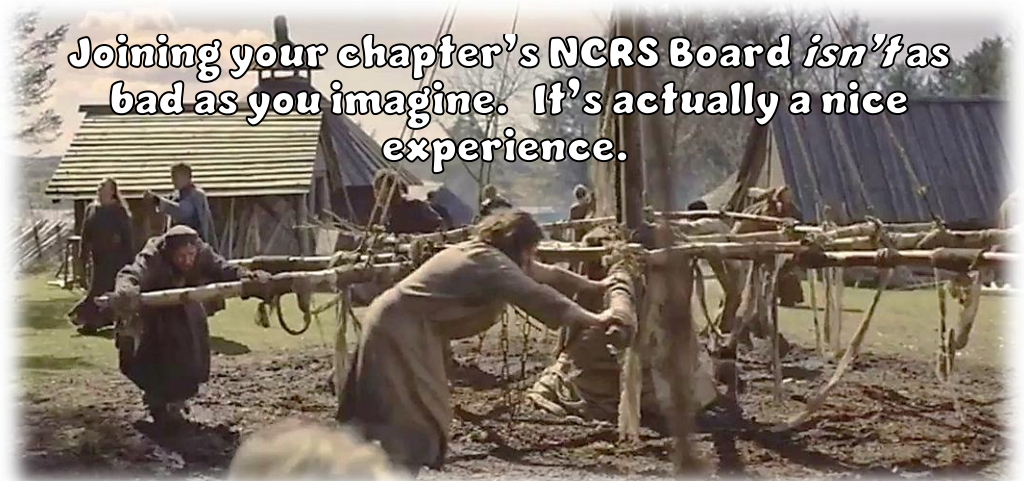
chassis, complete with engine, transmission, suspension and gas tank was visually interesting to hundreds of people. An easy explanation: this chassis is what is under that convertible body. A very effective NCRS display showing the originality details that are so important for our Corvettes.

*Enjoy the summer. Get your Corvette out on the road.*

*Jim Collins*

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The Central California Chapter of NCRS has two (2) vacancies on our Board of Directors. Please consider volunteering to help keep your Chapter going. If you have any interest, and would like to learn more about what you might do to help keep your chapter running smoothly for all to enjoy, please contact Jim Collins: [jimcollins.cars@gmail.com](mailto:jimcollins.cars@gmail.com) or 805-602-2056.



**Joining your chapter's NCRS Board *isn't* as bad as you imagine. It's actually a nice experience.**



# CCC Spring Judged Meet Buellton, CA May 16 & 17

By Omar Aviles

Central California Chapter NCRS held our spring judging meet at Pea Soup Andersen's Inn in Buellton California on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. We had 12 rooms reserved, and we had 35 members in attendance.

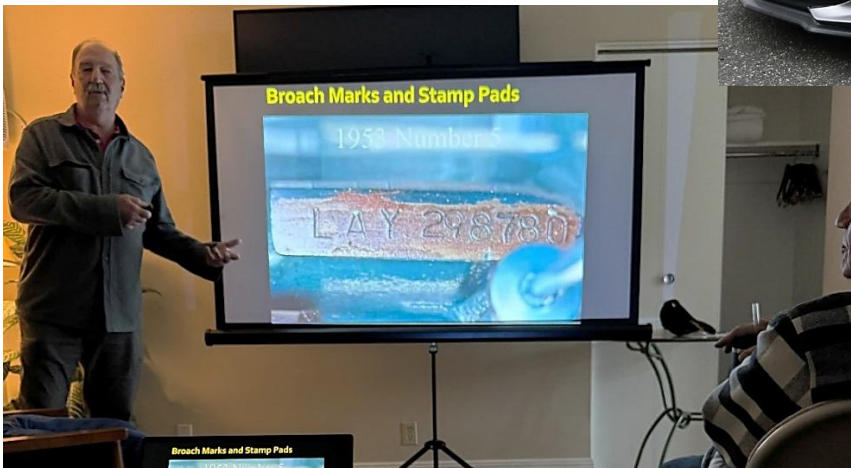
The judging field consisted of a 1965 coupe, and a 1971 LT1 Corvette. Unfortunately, two other Corvettes had to withdraw prior to our event. One of them was a 1965, another was a 1978.



In addition to the Flight Judged Corvettes, we had three Sportsman cars: Gene Smith's 1963 coupe racing car, Dana Richard's 2003 coupe, and Marv Stober's 2023 coupe.



Operations Judging started at 1pm on Friday afternoon, a continued until 3:30pm. At 4pm we had a 1-point Judging School covering "Broach Marks and Stamp Pads", taught by Bruce Fosdike.



Saturday morning after coffee and donuts, judging started at 8:30 AM. Bruce Fosdike was acting Judging Chairman in the place of Larry Guevara, who was unable to come to the meet. Bruce supervised sixteen judges: Omar Aviles, Ron Bartow, Jim Collins, Jack Cox, Jonathan Garcia, Mitch Guimarin, Wendel Hans, Jerry Louer, George Primrose, Dana Richard, Jim Roth, Steve Shrefler, Gene Smith, Marv Stober, Ed Vignone, and Bill Vyn.



Tabulators for this event where: Beth Bartow, Judy Hans, Pat Louer, and Barbara Vignone.

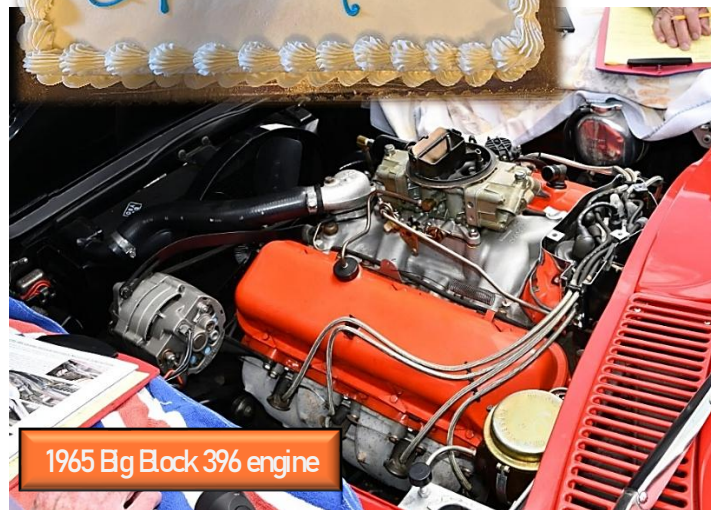
Friday night there was a group dinner held at AJ Spurs. There were two celebrations for Ron Bartow, his birthday, and his retirement from United Airlines. Beth Bartow paid for everyone's dinner and had a big cake for Ron that was shared by all. Everyone had a great time and dinner.



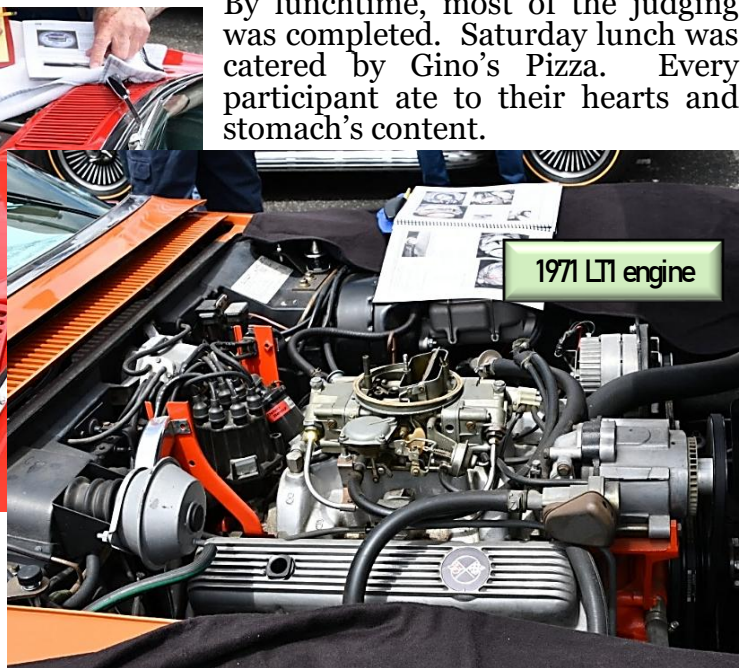
2 of our 4 Tabs(L) Barbara Vignone, (R) Pat Louer

Saturday morning, we started judging at 8:30 beginning with an Owner's Meeting, followed by the Judges Meeting and then we split off into our Judging Teams.

By lunchtime, most of the judging was completed. Saturday lunch was catered by Gino's Pizza. Every participant ate to their hearts and stomach's content.



1965 Big Block 396 engine



1971 LT1 engine

Saturday afternoon after judging and tabulation was done the Rally Red 1965 Coupe owned by Steve Capuano received a second flight award. The 1971 LT1 Ontario Orange convertible owned by James Garcia received a second flight award.



Steve Capuano  
1965  
Second Flight



Jim Garcia  
1971 LT-1  
Second Flight



Special thanks to Ron and Beth for organizing and setting up tables, chairs, food, and snacks and drinks. Very hardy thanks to Bruce for conducting a very good judging class on an interesting topic of broach marks and stamp pad. Signing off for now on this article.

Thank you and good night, America.

*-Omar Aviles*





# CCC Charity Delivers Matching Funds “Donation” from The Syndicate (NCRS National)

So, I says to this guy, I says, “Hey Mack! I got two and a half yards boinin’ a hole in my pocketbook.

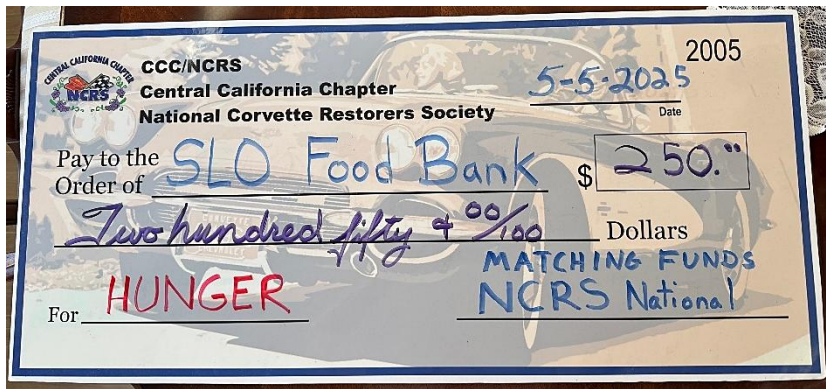
How’s about we have ourselves some fun? If you know what I mean.”

So, he says, “Sure doll. Let’s roll. I got me a hot Corvette, and I knows just the place.”

So, we heads out to this joint called the SLO Food Bank, see? They got a real smooth operation going on there. Using a word like “Bank” to keep any flatfoot off the trail, you gotta hand it to the brains behind that, you catch my drift? They got it all going on real legit like, see? The

enforcers from the “Bank” really appreciated the “deposit” and asked us to pass on their respects to the syndicate.

A word to the wise, it looks *real* good for you to be makin’ some of those protection payments to the Bank to keep them there goods flowin’, see? Otherwise, well, who can say what might happen in the future to someone, let’s say... less fortunate? To show favor, make tracks to 1180 Kendell Road, San Luis Obispo, or pick up the horn and blower and drop your nickel for 805-238-4664, and send some dough and help put the kibosh on shall we say, hunger? [slofoodbank.org](http://slofoodbank.org)



WHAT MIGHT A CORVETTE HAVE  
LOOKED LIKE IF IT HAD BEEN  
DESIGNED IN THE 1930’S?  
MAYBE SOMETHING LIKE THIS





Hello CCC/NCRS Members,

We need your help to boost participation in our Chapter! Whether you're interested in tabulating, judging, social events, car events, or even road trips, there's a place for you here.

We need ambassadors to recruit other enthusiasts who will eventually become active participants in the Chapter. It doesn't matter if you're at a quilt show, a car event, getting your hair cut, or at the grocery store parking lot – let people know about our shared passion for Corvettes.

For example, I was getting my hair cut in the Ventura area and noticed a C6 parked in front of the shop. I took a closer look, and the owner came out. We chatted about Corvettes, and he mentioned that the clear coat was separating on his hood. I had never seen anything like that on a C6. I was able to tell him about the NCRS and recommend a great paint and body shop in nearby Santa Paula.

We need to get new and old members involved with the Central California Chapter of NCRS. Currently, we have three dedicated members who keep the chapter going: Bruce Fosdike, Ron, and Beth Bartow. They have carried the load for many years, if not decades, and they need our help.

We've had other volunteers step up to fill the gaps and keep the Chapter running, but we still need more support to reach our full potential. Part of what keeps a chapter within the NCRS Guidelines are Chapter Judging Meets. To have a successful Judging Meet, we need four things: tabulators, judges, Corvettes to be judged, and participants.

Tabulators do an amazing job of totaling the correct number of points to see where the vehicle is placed. During the Flight Judging process, every Corvette starts with a total of 4,500 points. These points are distributed across the following sections: Operations, Chassis, Mechanical, Exterior, and Interior. The tabulators tally the points the judges deduct for deviations from the “as produced” standards in each section and determine a score. That score determines what ribbon has been earned. Tabulators also catch mistakes or omissions the judges make. They are an incredible group of people who are always happy to show new tabulators the ropes.

Judges guide participants through the process of having their Corvette judged. There are many levels of judging you can achieve, but for this message, I'll mention Observer Judges, and Judges. Observer Judges don't need any special knowledge, just an interest in getting up close to some beautiful Corvettes. They follow the Judging Team and learn the criteria and NCRS process of what to look for and how to use the Judging Manual. The Judging Team usually consists of one very experienced judge and a less experienced judge. They evaluate each vehicle according to the NCRS Judging Manual.

We also need Corvettes to be judged! We have two basic Judging Criteria: “Flight Judging” and “Concours.” In NCRS Flight Judging, Corvettes are judged by how they compare to a Corvette that just rolled off the showroom floor when they were new. In “Concours,” the vehicle must have been born a Corvette. It can be a “Resto Mod” with engine and suspension modifications but must appear without any body modifications, and in a color available in that year.

The second category is “Modified,” which must also be born a Corvette but can be modified in any way; color, body, etc.

Participants are essential too – bring the family out and join the fun! SoCal and NorCal always have a lot of Corvettes to be judged and plenty of participants. We need to step up our game to keep our Central California Chapter thriving.

Thank you,

*Larry Guevara*  
*CCC/NCRS Judging Chairman*







# CCC/NCRS Minutes

## Thursday February 6, 2025

### 5:00 pm via Zoom



| Board Members (X indicates present) |               |   |                                      |              |   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Chairman                            | Jim Collins   | X | Membership Chair                     | Craig Landen | X |
| Vice-Chairman                       | Omar Aviles   | X | Webmaster                            | Wendel Hans  | X |
| Judging Chairman                    | Larry Guevara | X | Newsletter Editor                    | Ron Bartow   | X |
| Judging Administrator               | Bruce Fosdike | X | Treasurer, Secretary, Chapter Awards | Beth Bartow  | X |

**1. Welcome / Introductions:** Board Members present indicated by X on the meeting minutes. Meeting called to order at 5:08 PM

**2. Approval of 11/7/2024 Membership meeting minutes:** Chairman Jim Collins motions to approve 11/7/2024 minutes...all Board members said aye. Minutes approved.

**3. Chairman's Report:** The big meeting discussion should be our upcoming Judged Meet and CCC's participation in the Morro Bay Car Show. 2024 came to a close and overall, it was a good year for our Chapter. Beth Bartow made sure that we met all the criteria for recognition as a NCRS Top Flight Chapter in 2024. Achieving this recognition means in part that our Chapter is functioning as NCRS has envisioned it should. Financially we are good. A few more volunteers would be nice. Send me an email if you are interested and let's see if we can match up your interests and the needs of the Chapter.

Our Judged Meet for 2025 is on May 16 and 17. Please consider volunteering to help with judging and operating the event. It will be held in Buellton at the Pea Soup Andersen's Inn. On 3 May is the Morro Bay Car Show and for the last 2 years Harold Davis has coordinated an all-Corvette display with over 40 Corvettes of all ages. This year we are going to have an NCRS display that will help tell the story of what NCRS is and why a Corvette owner should become a member.

The NCRS National Meet is in Las Vegas from 7-11 September and is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in all things Corvette for 4 days. I plan to attend. I am sure there will be others from our Chapter. How about you? Anyone who has a suggestion for a Chapter activity let me know.

**4. Vice-Chairman's Report:** Vice-Chairman Omar Aviles suggests reminding chapter members to sign up for Spring Judged Meet.

**5. Judging Administrator Report:** Judging Administrator Bruce Fosdike states we presently have 6 judges for our Spring Meet and one car, Robert Kennard from Napa, with a 1978 Coupe.

**6. Judging Chairman Report:** Judging Chairman Larry Guevara reports that CCC Spring Judged Meet is scheduled for May 16 & 17 at Pea Soup Andersen's Inn in Buellton. Book your reservation ASAP (805-688-3216) and tell them, "NCRS Corvette Club date May 16". Larry is working on getting approval from Crown Exotics dealership in Oxnard for a Fall Judged Meet location.

**7. Secretary/Treasurer / Records recording:** Secretary Beth Bartow will continue making minutes, agendas for the CCC Board Meetings. I completed the annual CCC chapter reports and financial reports. Treasurer: CCC Checking account holds a balance of \$8,302.66. Since our last Board Meeting, Income included a membership dues of \$875.31. No outgoing expenses this quarter. Records Recording: Chapter Awards program for 2024 was submitted for the 4th quarter. Awaiting results of a Top Flight Chapter Award for 2024.

**8. Membership Chairman:** Membership Chair Craig Landen reports CCC has 68 family members. He sent CCC Board his latest roster.

**9. Newsletter Editor:** Newsletter Editor Ron Bartow reminds CCC members that the quarterly newsletter is coming up and submissions need to be into Ron Bartow by February 15th. Spring Newsletter will go out to members by March 1, 2025. Ron will send past tech articles to our webmaster to see if we can post these to our website.

**10. Webmaster:** Webmaster Wendel Hans updates the CCC web page and now attached CCC Newsletters. Facebook includes video to meet Chapter Award guidelines. Beth to add photos, invite members. Wendel will attempt to post past tech articles to our CCC website.

**11. Activities and Event Planning:** 2025 Events include: Harold Davis plans many road tours during the year and a charity Toy Drive in November. Harold also helps with the May 3 Morro Bay Car Show with NCRS Display at Non-NCRS event. CCC Spring Judged Meet date of May 16 & 17 with Judging School. Left to plan for 2025 include a technical seminar, membership meeting and voting on a charity for donation.

**12. New Business:** A Donation of \$500 to be given to the 2025 NCRS National Meet to help defray the cost of meals for volunteers was motioned by Beth Bartow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Omar Aviles, all say aye...motion carried. Beth will send the check to NCRS National. A tech session at Jim Collins' shop is a possibility in the future.

A Chapter membership party could be planned. Jim Collins has an idea for National membership that would include a local chapter membership to get members acquainted with their local events. Jim is bringing this up to NCRS National. The National website can be difficult to navigate for those wishing to join or renew memberships. CCC needs to consider their annual charity donation. Ideas for charities include Tunnels to Towers, Hospice, Food Bank, Dogs for Veterans, Fire Victims of Southern California and many more. This discussion is tabled for our next Board meeting.

**13. Meeting Adjourned:** Jim Collins motions to adjourn Board meeting, Larry Guevara 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM. The dates for 2025 Board Meetings will be: 2/6, 4/28, 8/7, 11/6 via Zoom at 5:00 pm. (Happy Hour)

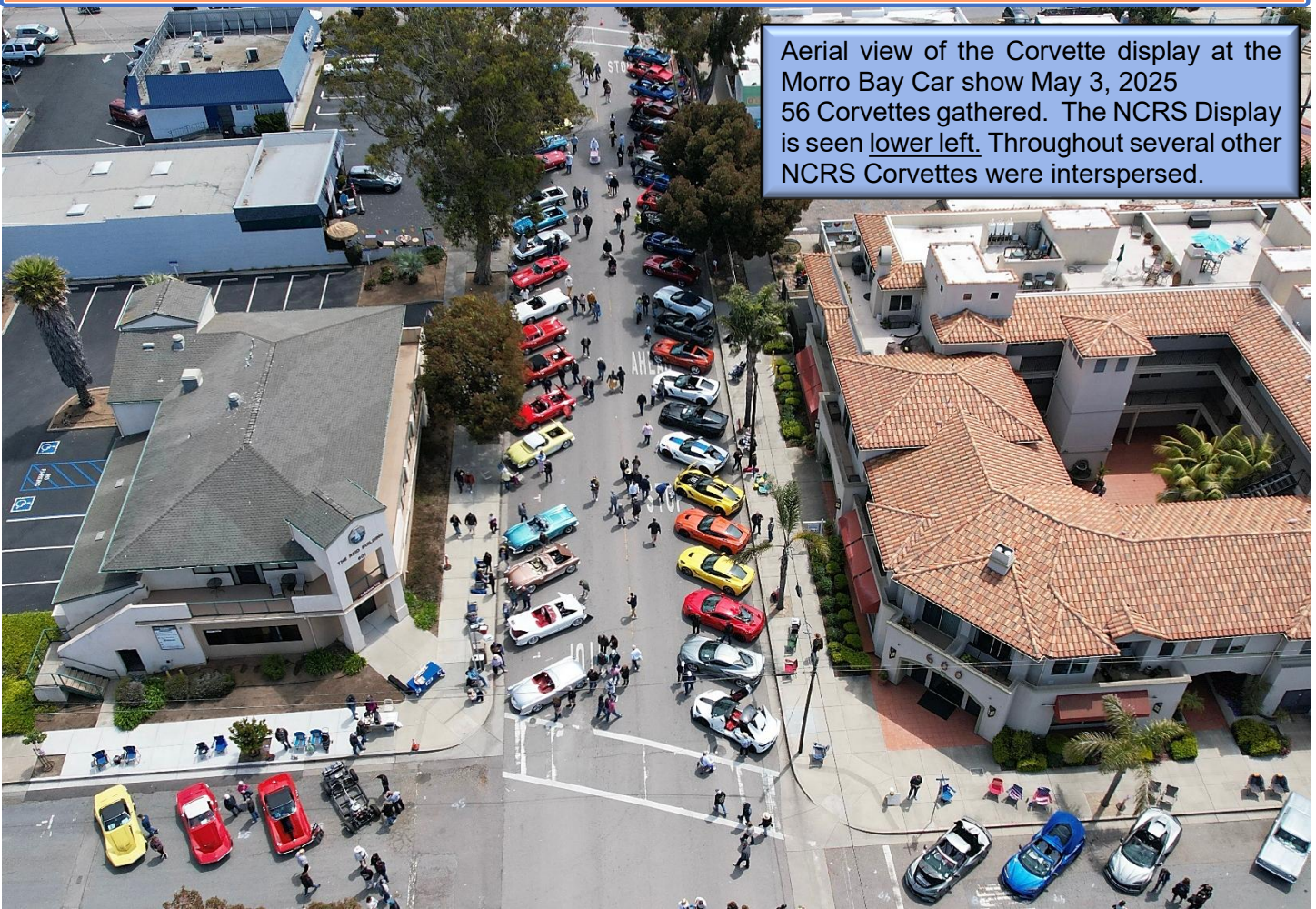
created by CCC Secretary Beth Bartow



# NCRS Display at a *Non-NCRS* Event

By Ron Bartow #33467

Aerial view of the Corvette display at the Morro Bay Car show May 3, 2025. 56 Corvettes gathered. The NCRS Display is seen lower left. Throughout several other NCRS Corvettes were interspersed.



One of the items asked of our chapter to be eligible for a Chapter Top Flight Award (given to any chapter that can complete and report quarterly those results) is to create a display of chapter member's Corvettes at a function outside of NCRS. The idea is to represent what we do at NCRS to the general public, thereby educating and hopefully enticing them to become part of the group.

One of our members Harold Davis has managed to put together many well attended Road Tours, and once again, gathered up a large group (fifty plus) of Corvettes from inside and outside of our chapter to be part of a Corvette display at the annual Morro Bay Car Show. This year he set aside a separate area for our NCRS Display and asked each NCRS member to bring along any awards, judging sheets, etc.

It worked out that my own project under construction was not quite ready for the anticipated "body drop". I arranged for a tow truck to bring my 1967 Corvette chassis to and from the show. Harold had a spot right next to our



1967 chassis and L79 engine got folks talking



CCC member Jim Roth's 1967. Together his complete Corvette and my chassis made for an attention-grabbing talking point, stirring many conversations from passersby. Some thought it weird to have part of a car there. Many found it intriguing. Some were very excited to see what a Corvette would look like as the chassis rolled down the assembly line towards it mating with its body.



Harold's 1967 A/C coupe

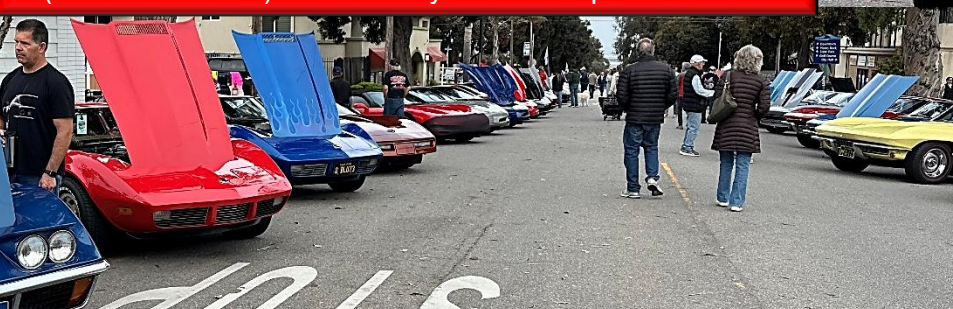
Having Jim Roth's Top Flight awarded 1967 in the next spot was the perfect answer to the often asked, "What is it?" We also brought along a printed version of our chapter's newsletter, some judging manuals, as well as some trifold handouts explaining a little about NCRS and the education we strive to receive and share.

At this point, I don't know if the efforts have brought us any new members, but it was certainly a day filled with *many* questions, and *many* positive comments and photos taken.

We are certainly thankful for the effort our member Harold Davis put into gathering these Corvettes and the thought he put into making this NCRS Display at a Non-NCRS event a reality.



Several C1 Corvettes including yellow 58, Red 62, White 62 (a not seen 1955) all owned by NCRS chapter members



Corvettes from 1954 through 2025 lined the streets of Morro Bay

If you missed the show, there will be one next year, but you'll need to bring your chassis next time. Mine will be under a 1967 convertible body and looking a lot more like a complete car by then. Your chapter will need your participation next year to bring the news of NCRS to the masses. Spread the word.





# Repairing the 1969 Fan Clutch (Made in Canada)

TECH ARTICLE

Wendel Hans NCRS #13085

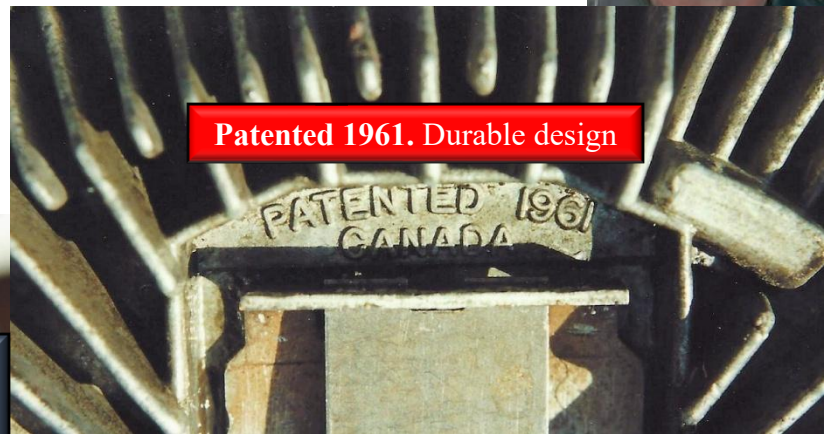
## The Cross-Country Fan Clutch

This original car engine part was installed on 1969 Corvette vin #10092. VIN10092 was built December 07, 1968. The claim to fame for this 435HP/427, Cortez Silver, hardtop only, is that this Corvette was driven from Santa Barbara, CA to Williamsburg, VA, in the summer of 1990. Neither the car nor the fan clutch broke. Sufficient judging points were earned for a Duntov award. The driving points were good for an added Sam Folz award.



## Interesting Features

The clutch had "Canada" proudly cast into the face. The bi-metallic strip that actuated the clutch was labelled "This Side Up". The build date of the clutch assembly was December 03, 1968, just *four days* before the build date of the car!



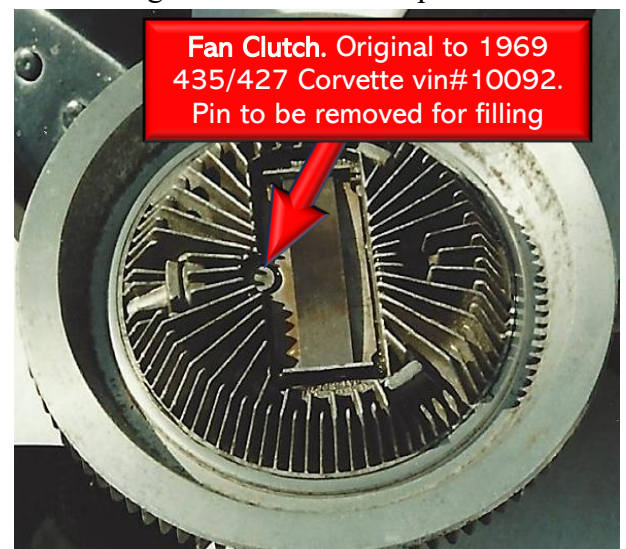
## Making It Work

At low engine speed when hot, the clutch is supposed to engage and move lots of air through the radiator with a five-blade fan. The clutch is designed to slip at high rpm as silicone grease inside the clutch gives flexibility and the intended ability to slip. This prevents robbing both fuel and horsepower.

My clutch needed service. The clutch was slipping, freewheeling, at low engine speed. I found it is possible to service the fan clutch **without** disassembly. What is needed is to replenish the silicone grease.

## How To Replenish the Silicone Grease

The first step is to remove the bi-metallic strip actuator. Use **caution** to do this *without* bending the strip. Beneath, there is a pin that applies pressure to the internal clutch. Remove this pin. Using a tube of di-electric silicone grease, I injected into the hole where the pin had been. Add as much grease as the clutch will accept. Replace all the parts in reverse order. I found the fan clutch's resistance was fully restored. Wendel Hans NCRS #13085 [wjhdyno@aol.com](mailto:wjhdyno@aol.com) . 119 Vannoy Street, Greenville, SC, 29601. (805)680-6609





# FOR \$ale & Wanted

**1962 Corvette** Original #'s matching 327ci engine, base motor 250hp. Powerglide automatic transmission. Roman Red, Black interior. Electric adjustable power steering added under the dash. Dual reservoir master cylinder and power brake booster. Front disc brake conversion. Hardtop, & freshly restored soft top frame, now covered with high end fabric material and installed in the car. The car is very presentable and is easier and safer to drive with these easily reversible updates. Asking \$72k Omar **805-459-0062**



## The following parts Available NOW

**C3 Corvette** Parts for sale: 4 – Rare optional P02 spoke Wheel covers Good Condition; T-Top Coupe storage shelf for the removable rear window; Fan Blade for A/C application; Stereo Radio 1973 - not working.

**C2 Corvette** Parts for sale: Many original suspension parts; Rear exhaust filler panel 64/65/66; Fuel line new for 65; Brake lines new for 65 with Power brakes; 396 radiator core support; complete gauge set for 1965 with 6500 rpm tach; Heater assembly with new core and blower motor. Auto Twirler rotisserie with rails for a C2 Corvette: sell or rent out.

Contact Jim Collins (805) 602 2056 [jimcollins.cars@gmail.com](mailto:jimcollins.cars@gmail.com)

***Save the Date***

***November 15, 2025***

***Season of Hope Toy Drive***

***More information to  
Follow From Harold Davis***





# JUNE'S TWO-DAY ROAD TOUR EVENTS

**Mark your calendar for Friday  
June 20th and Saturday June 21st.**

RSVPs needed ASAP for one or both days.

**On Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>** we are returning to Ragged Point for lunch and parking on the lawn overlooking the ocean.

Folks coming from the north will depart from Cider Creek Bakery at 205 Oak Hill Road. Departure time will be 10:00am Friday morning in Paso Robles.

Folks departing from the South will depart from The Smoke Stack parking lot in Morro Bay at 10:00

We will meet in Cambria at the parking lot on the corner of Cambria Drive and Main Street.

We will depart Cambria at 11:30 for a Ragged Point lunch.

*Back by popular demand!!*

## **Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>**

We are off for a train ride.

If you missed it last time or just wanted to go again, we are heading back to the Norgrove Railway in Arroyo Grande.

Saturday morning, we will gather in Pismo Beach at 867 Oak Park Drive.

Every Saturday morning this is the location for cars from around the area to gather. Come early to admire lots of very nice cars. About 9:45 we will take the short ride following Peter in his restored Fire Truck to Norgrove Railway Station. The train event is **\$20 per person**.

There you can tour the garages where the trains are built. There are trains from all around the world that Peter collected and rebuilt. There are many on display and on the tracks.

You can take a ride around the property and tour the vineyards as many times as you would like. I have taken rides from both directions and the views are very different in each direction.

Peter will have his vineyard wine for sale for those interested in purchasing some.

After the rides, we have the option to go to Old Juan's Cantina in Oceano for lunch.

***Please RSVP with me for one or both of these event dates. We need an accurate count.***  
***-Harold Davis***





*A.I. CORVETTE IN VEGAS*  
**SEE YOU IN 2025 LAS VEGAS NAT'L 9.7-11.25**  
ARTWORK CREATED BY RON BARTOW

# *Thanks to our Shiftin' Gears contributors*

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