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**Chapter Meeting Refreshments
will be provided by
Sandy Houck & Rick Gower**

The Scoop

By Sharyl Ingham

Happy New Year! First things first, did you see the Supermoon? Well, if you missed it you have another opportunity January 31st.

Have you ever been asked, "What do you want for Christmas?" Well, it seems I am asked not only for Christmas but for birthdays as well and I always seem to say nothing. Then it dawned on me I should give some sort of response and for the past several years when asked I would give the same answer and it happened! I got what I wanted. Pretty neat wouldn't you say? Oh it was great but it came incomplete and I blame myself for not being more explicit in my answer. I should have said "an entire tool that is operable." See, what was left under the tree was a Sawzall without a blade. Perhaps it was intentional so my

lesson learned is if you are ever asked, be concise and explicit in your response!

In all seriousness Mike and I hope you had a delightful Christmas with family and friends and our wish for you is that you have a healthy and prosperous 2018. For many of us the end of 2017 couldn't come soon enough. We extend our well wishes to those members that have had health and life-changing issues. Be a good patient and follow your treatments.

Best wishes to our Chapter members celebrating January birthdays starting with Art McNay, January 8th; Margie Swezey, January 12th; Donalda Day, January 19th; and Janice Hamilton, January 28th. I personally (and feel others) like to recognize our members' birthdays and anniversaries as well and hopefully by the end of the year I will have many of your dates.

We have a new member, Ivan Yurtin, which joined in December. Thank you Wayne for recruiting your Dad! I look forward to seeing him driving his '69 in Suisun City!

Ah ha, have you renewed your Chapter membership yet? There is a month's grace period before you will be deleted from the Chapter database.

The Chapter is going to be busy in 2018. Please come to the January meeting where we will do our calendaring. Speaking of the meetings, you that attend make Show and Tell the highlight of the evening!

NCC Meeting Minutes:

December 12, 2017

Chairman Sharyl Ingham called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the December meeting at the St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Oakland at 7:05 pm. As usual, she started by asking the attendees to introduce themselves along with the city where they live and the year(s) of the Corvette(s) owned. The question of the evening was "Do you have a favorite Christmas Carol?" Responses included Silent Night, Joy to the World, O Holy Night, Grandma got Run over by a Reindeer, Light One Candle, Little Drummer Boy, Rock around the Christmas Tree, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, White Christmas, and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.

The November minutes were approved as submitted by Sandy Houck.

Treasurer: John Tidwell

The only activity was receipt of two membership checks.

Membership: Sharyl Ingham

NCC currently has 108 members. Sharyl issued a reminder to the pay the annual dues, preferably via PayPal.

Editor and Website: Marci Albers

The December Vettecetera went out on time. Marci will update the website in January.

NCRS President and Region IX Director: Mike Ingham

Mike had no news since the November report. He did caution that a scam was sent to Chapter Treasurers and Chairs. Luckily no one fell for the request to send money to a vendor.

Chapter Top Flight Award (CTFA):

Sharyl reported for Jeff Blakeslee that all requirements have been met for a Chapter Top Flight Award.

Refreshment Coordinator: Rick Gower

Rick circulated the sign-up list for 2018.

Old Business:

The Chapter had a Mini Meet on December 9th and unfortunately we didn't have the ribbons there so Mike presented Top Flight Award Ribbons to Wayne Yurtin for his 1963 Coupe and to Chris Moore for his 1963 Roadster. Mike also presented Sportsman Ribbons to Casey Noel and Sandy Houck. Mike thanked all the

judges and Bob Grauer for providing the venue. It was a fun and informative event, definitely a lot of teamwork!

Sharyl reviewed the highlights of 2017: Sandy Houck became Secretary; Jeff Blakeslee made sure that NCC met CTFA requirements; Mike Ingham was reelected as Regional Director and will serve three more years; and Gary Beaupre wrote the new NCC Mission Statement. Sharyl thanked NCC Officers and Coordinators for all their help, and thanked all the members who so faithfully attend monthly meetings and events. It was noted that since the Chapter covers a large geographic area, some have a long trek.

New Business:

Sharyl is looking forward to the New Year and asked members to start thinking about ideas to improve meeting and event attendance.

Break / Refreshments:

Glorie McNay drew names for prizes. John Tidwell, Gary Beaupre, and Sandy Houck were winners. Sharyl gave out thank you gifts (her hand-made belt buckle covers and Hawaiian peanut butter or preserves) to all.

Refreshments were supplied by Casey Noel who served ice cream.

Show and Tell:

John Tidwell described the water pump that Rick Gower brought. It's a reproduction from Corvette Central for '61 - '63's. This prompted a discussion about various impellers and leaking problems.

Rick also showed an inexpensive small 1½-ton screw jack that he can easily carry it in a C1 or C2 so there's no need to use the original jack. The original jack is dangerous to use and replacements are very expensive.

Casey Noel described that the shipping data for his '64 indicated the car went to Martinez but was not necessarily sold there. He had also been trying to obtain an original warranty book and recently bought a similar one for a Malibu. Then lo and behold recently the original owner found the original book when moving and sent it to him. Casey's '64 was sold by San Jose Courtesy Chevrolet which is still in business.

Gary Miranda showed a "positive stop", a small spark plug hole tool, that he got from Summit that can easily be used to determine top dead center and to check or adjust TDC mark on the harmonic balancer.

Adjournment:

Sharyl asked all to come to the January meeting. We will plan the 2018 calendar and anticipate a big year for NCC. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Houck, NCC Secretary

Verse by the Side of the Road

LIFE IS SWEET
BUT OH HOW BITTER!
TO LOVE A GAL
AND THEN
NOT GIT 'ER

Burma-Shave

This 'n That:

By Glorie McNay

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

You may make resolutions but I will pass. Resolutions usually lead to disappointment.

My eighth grade teacher had a saying posted up by the ceiling that made more sense to me than resolutions.

It read "GOOD. BETTER. BEST. NEVER LET IT REST. MAKE YOUR GOOD BETTER AND YOUR BETTER BEST."

Now I have a question. Why do so many 18 wheelers have shiny metallic rears? When driving west at sunrise or east at sunset the sun reflecting off that shiny is blinding.

Miscellaneous for Sale

New F70X15 Firestone Wide Oval tire. Great for a C3 spare. Free to anyone that can use it



Leo Michaud 916 899 9666
michaudleop@gmail.com

For Sale 1996 Corvette Collector Edition LT4 350/330hp, 80K, new tires, new oem radiator and new head gaskets. Very clean and 2 Top Flight Awards. \$15,000



Dale Miller dbmiller3654@gmail.com

Mass Mailing Clarification

To make the Editor's job easier, I have asked Marci to start utilizing NCRS's Mass Mailing feature to distribute the Vettecetera as well as other NCRS related e-mails from other people. Please do NOT respond to her, respond to the person who authors the e-mail.

Technical Articles Wanted

If you have been thinking about writing up some restoration project you have completed, please do so and submit it for publication. We can all benefit from one another's learning's. If possible, submit your article as a Word document, and any accompanying pictures as .jpg files. As an added incentive, anyone submitting a technical article will receive a portable computer case like that shown below for the first article they submit in any calendar year.



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NCC Dues

NCC dues are \$30 per year. Please start paying via PayPal. If you choose to fill out a membership form it can be found on the last page of the Vettecetera. When and if you have changes (e.g., e-mail address, Corvettes owned) please send those changes to me via e-mail at: sharylingham@gmail.com. Thank you.

Chapter Meeting Location

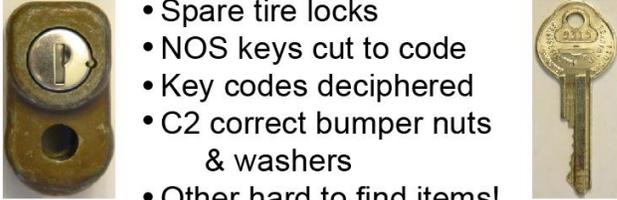
The location for Chapter meetings is at St. Peter's Episcopal Church located at 6013 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618.

Note from editor:

In order to make things easier, all ads will be printed in the Vettecetera for 3 months. If you would like to run it longer just notify me, and I will run it for another 3 months. Also please notify me if you have sold your items, so I can delete your ad.

Business Card Ads

Annual rates for business card ads are as follows: \$15 for NCC members; \$25 for non-NCC members. Please send your business card along with a check made out to NCC/NCRS to Marci Albers, 3949 Estate Drive, Vacaville, CA 95688.



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NCRS Classified ADS
The site is open to everyone, not just
NCRS Members
visit
<https://www.ncrs.org>
and click on "member services"
to locate the
NCRS Classified Ads
link

Northern California Chapter Membership Form



SHARYL INGHAM at 6047 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618

ANNUAL DUES: January 1st through December 31st, **\$30; now payable via PayPal through the NCRS website.**

Business Card Ad: \$15 for NCC member, \$25 non-NCC member

Please send a jpeg of your business card to: marcialbers@gmail.com

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