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## Chairman's Comments

by Kelly Bolton

Corvette's third generation continues to draw attention as the 1968 celebrates 50 years at the NCRS 2018 Las Vegas National Convention, July 15th through 19th. Looking forward to August, the Oklahoma Chapter Judging Meet in Edmond, Oklahoma, is on for Saturday, August 18, 2018. The location is 346 W. 33rd Street, Edmond, OK. Register at the NCRS National Website, under the coming events / event registration section. Two C3 Corvettes are signed up for judging, a 1969 Silver Convertible, 350 with factory side exhaust and a 1970 Bronze Coupe, 454 an unrestored 31,000 mile original car. The judging day will start at 9:00 AM to allow travel time to the event. If you want to come early on Friday, there is a Sleep Inn close by at 3608 S. Broadway, Edmond, Oklahoma, with rates of \$73.99 + Tax per night with breakfast included, (per their website). Contact info: Event Chairman: Russ Grimm 918-230-9073 or OKC Co-Chair Gene Holtz 405-317-3919.

It is our good fortune to have the funds and be able to donate to local Non-Profit Charities. At our June Breakfast Meeting we heard compelling stories about the benefits of Tulsa Meals on Wheels, (Elderly care), Coffee Bunker (Veteran care) and The Little Light House (Children with special needs care). All three local Non-Profit Organizations were approved for a \$1,000 each donation.

This year has not been a banner year for Corvette Racing, as the 24 Hours of Le Mans completed on June 17th. The No. 63 Corvette had a fifth place finish behind Porsche and Ford and the No. 64 Corvette DNF, (out on lap 259). Stiff competition and hard fought battles continue as the GTLM

Series is currently lead by Porsche, second is Ford, third is Chevrolet followed by BMW and Ferrari.

To continue moving forward, there are numerous opportunities for you to participate in our Chapter which is vital to our continued success as The Oklahoma Chapter of NCRS. Let's look at 2018 as a year filled with opportunity and fun as we restore, preserve, document and enjoy our Corvettes.

I look forward to seeing everyone and their cars on Saturday.

## July Breakfast Meeting

Our monthly breakfast will take place on Saturday, July 7, 2018. The location is Ollie's Station Restaurant in the Redfork area of West Tulsa. The address is 4070 Southwest Blvd. The phone number is (918)446-0524, in case you need it.

You can choose the buffet or you can order from the menu. The time to be there is 8:30 a.m., but people always start arriving by 8:00 - 8:15 a.m.

## Attitude Adjustment Night

The gathering place for our July Attitude Adjustment Night on Tuesday evening, July 17 2018, will be Bravo's Mexican Grill at 4532 East 51st St. We will continue to meet at Bravo's for the next few months.

The time people start to arrive is 5:00 p.m.

## *Oklahoma Chapter Merchandise*

by Bob Clark

**W**e currently have Oklahoma Chapter denim shirts, long and short sleeve, for \$25 each. We also have Oklahoma Chapter sweat shirts for \$25.

Please call me at 918 / 625-2303 or 918 / 299-9001 to order an item. You could also send an email to [bobclark77@cox.net](mailto:bobclark77@cox.net). Be sure to include the type of shirt and size.

## *Attitude Adjustment Night In Oklahoma City*

by Gene Holtz

**W**e are hosting an Attitude Adjustment Night in Oklahoma City to generate interest for an upcoming Chapter event in OKC and to get OKC Members together.

The gathering will be held at Rudy's Country Store & BBQ located at 3437 W. Memorial Road, Oklahoma City, on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month. July's gathering is the 24th with arrival time between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm. (The location, time and dates are subject to change if they do not work out for the majority wishing to participate.)

We will be discussing the Chapter Judging event scheduled for August 18, 2018.

Contact me if you want further information at (cell) 405-317-3919 or email [blue65184@aol.com](mailto:blue65184@aol.com) (that's an L84, not 184. Thanks!)

## *August Judging in Oklahoma City Area*

by Russ Grimm

**T**he Oklahoma Chapter has a great opportunity to expand to the west. Long time Chapter member Gene Holtz has worked on getting a monthly attitude night going and some excitement for NCRS judging in Oklahoma City. So the time has come for us to jump in and help him on this goal. August 18 at 9:00 am, we will start a chapter judging event with two cars, a 1969 silver small block roadster and a

1970 bronze big block coupe. There will also be a judging session on the basic NCRS judging. The newer membership in Oklahoma City will have a great opportunity to learn more hands-on training with some of the examples we will have in the facility. That coupled with observer judging that day will fast start anyone on NCRS and what we look for in the judging of our Corvettes.

The Tulsa group needs to support this with our experienced judges to make this work. Please, mark your calendars for August 18 and let's see if we can car pool or caravan over to Edmond. The drive is just over hour and half. So, it will be an early start.

Please sign up at our August breakfast meeting on what you would like to judge: operations, interior, exterior, mechanical or chassis, and I will have the current judging reference manuals for you to start looking over. It never hurts to start early, so if you would please call me and let me know how you want to help, we can make arrangements for the judging manuals before August 4'

After the judging of the cars, Gene Holtz will provide leadership and conduct a judging session on the basic NCRS judging. So this is a judging three point event.

The event is on the National calendar, but I would prefer sign-up sheets rather than on-line for our chapter Judging events.

## *A Different Kind of Straight Axle Fuelie*

by Neal Kennedy

**F**ollowing our June breakfast meeting, John Neas treated Oklahoma Chapter NCRS members to a return visit to his excellent collection of Vintage Corvettes... and more!

Besides the '32 highboy roadster, a Ferrari, '62 409 and '57 Chebbie tudor, John has a good chunk of NHRA Top Fuel history tucked away in his secret showroom.

Jimmy Nix, Bennie Osborn and Tony Nancy are just three of the 60's and 70's big boys who raced in the sport's fastest and quickest professional class. John also collects the cars of those stars and others in TF.

John's wife, Sally, came to the rescue with ear plugs for the visitors who wanted to preserve what little hearing they have left. Ya'see, John called acoupla his buddies to fire-up one of his collection of top fuelers right thar in south Tulsa! Wow!! Nitro fuel fumes can be intoxicating. When the ground is literally shaking under your feet, you've got a hellofa sensation!

Reliable sources told this reporter John had pert-near 100% nitro in the tank when the team lit the fuse. Thanks, AGAIN, John for sharing your treasures with your fellow Corvette nuts. And thanks to Sally for the ear protection!

**more pictures on next page**





## The Corvette Adventure - Part 22

By: Pat Cavanagh  
NCRS # 57907

As you know from the previous episodes of “The Corvette Adventure,” my dash is “spectacular” at least in my mind! With the dash cluster finished, I now needed the clock to be spectacular! The original clock still has the mechanical movement, but it was looking less than spectacular next to the dash cluster. In addition, it would periodically stop. I thought about buying an original replacement clock on E-Bay but the prices were very high. It just made sense to send my clock to Joe Ray in Arkansas for restoration and a new mechanical movement since he had already restored the clock.



Joe called me when he finished the clock. Fortunately, I was driving back to Tulsa from a sales meeting in Memphis, which allowed me to stop by his workshop in North Little Rock and pick up the clock. I had not met Joe in person but his place was easy to find, and he was more than hospitable showing me all

around his shop and many of his Corvette awards and rare parts. From the dates on some of those awards, Joe has been involved in the hobby for a very long time.



Joe had just finished a '63 dash cluster that was just beautiful. Joe is also in the midst of building a restomod C2 Corvette with a serious LS V-8. I am very pleased with my dash and clock. I hope to have my '64 at the next breakfast meeting so you can see how spectacular they really are!

### **Back in the Workshop**

As you may recall, I painted the steering column components last month with the SEM primer and trim paint. I reassembled the column this month using new upper and lower bearings, a new signal switch assembly, wire conduit, connectors, clips and screws. It went back together easily. Thankfully, I had taken many pictures that guided me through the reassembly. I also referred to an excellent article written by Dave Zuberer that I found on several Corvette websites. Dave's article had lots of pictures and helpful advice for restoring the C2 steering column.





With the column reassembled, it was simply a matter of sliding the column back in the car, clocking it correctly and installing the spring, spacer, retainer, seal, dash bezel, support bracket, odometer reset cable, steering wheel and horn assembly. Finally, I plugged in the connectors and mounted them to the column with the special clip. Installing the fully assembled column back in the car was a simple process that took less than an hour with a little help from my wife.

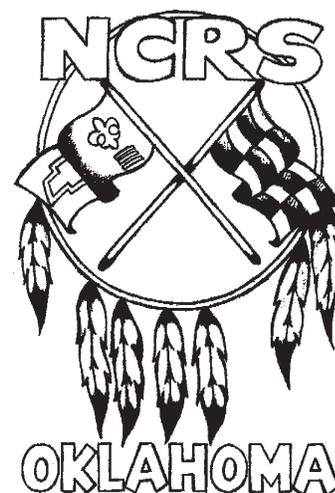


The big question remained, would the turn signals and horn work? When I connected the battery, the horn worked, but I discovered the front turn signal on the passenger side did not work.

This problem was a bit puzzling so I first made sure the front signal bulb had not burned out. I followed this by going back under the dash to check the connector on the column. I found the green wire had pulled out of the column electrical connector. After bending up the tab on the brass terminal slightly, I inserted it back in the plastic connector and everything worked correctly.

In episode 23 of the Corvette Adventure, I am going to install the restored clock and begin the process of preparing the '64 for judging. I have made a list of what is required for judging. On the list is the restoration of the original oil canister, installing the (infamous) date-coded starter, installing the original restored tie rods/ends, switching back to points and lastly I am going to detail the rear suspension.

Stay Tuned.





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## *Corvette Classified*

### ***Got a Solid Axle Corvette that needs brakes?***

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2 axle set shoes, 4 brake drums, master cylinder, return springs, hold on springs, 4 wheel cylinders, 4 adjustment springs, 4 adjusters, front brake cable, 2 rear brake cables, 3 brake hoses and some of the windshield weatherstrips. Also a new set of black sunvisors w/pins & a black sissy bar. Scott 437-5292 daytime.

**For Sale:** Randy Voight has owned this Corvette 30 years. Now its time to pass it on to the next guy. Price: almost got one figured out.

1962 Marron/black 327 4 speed

This is a partial list of work performed on this '62 in 2014, with very few miles since.

Heater core      Gas tank      Tank to pump line  
Fuel sending unit      Balancer sleeve & seal  
Thermostat      Anti-freeze      Horns      Fuel filter  
Rebuild the 4 speed      Lower fan shroud      Instrument cluster bulbs      Freeze plugs      Water pump      Shifter boot      Clutch linkage parts      Carburetor insulator  
Floor mats      Swaybar bushings      Heater Hoses  
Exhaust system      Exhaust hangers      Front suspension rebuilt  
Center bearing      2 Tie rods      Rebuilt idler arm      All weatherstrips      All brake steel lines      4 wheel cylinders      Brake hoses      DOT 5 brake fluid  
Master cylinder      Battery tray      Seat covers      Seat foam      Seat springs  
Pretty sure a dash pad too.

Please call Scott for now. 918-437-5292

**For Sale:** 1968 Corvette convertible, non matching 350/auto maroon with black interior, runs and drives \$12,000

1968 Corvette convertible, non matching 350/auto, 2 stage black with black interior, born as blue/blue. Telescoping column. Will need new gas tank installed which I do have, \$16,000

1969 Corvette convertible, non matching 427/390 4spd, power steering, blue/blue, both tops, runs well, \$23,000

1969 Corvette convertible, non matching, 350,4psd, black/black, runs and drives well, rear flares, torque thrust 2's. \$20,000

1971 Corvette ttop, numbers matching 350/270hp 4 spd, project, \$8100

All have clean Oklahoma titles in my name. It would be nice if these stayed in the Oklahoma area.

Contact Gary  
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Bud Jessee  
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Scott 437-5292

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## Upcoming Events

- July 7 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, June  
July 10 Cruise Night Car Show - 91st & Memorial - Tulsa, Oklahoma  
July 15-20 NCRS National Convention - LasVegas, Nevada  
July 17 Attitude Adjustment Night - Bravo's Mexican Grill - 4532 East 51st St. - Tulsa, Oklahoma  
July 24 Cruise Night Car Show - 91st & Memorial - Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Aug 4 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK  
Aug 18 Oklahoma Chapter Summer Judging Meet - Edmond, Oklahoma (details in this *Sidepipe*)  
Aug 23-26 Corvette Carlisle - Fairgrounds - Carlisle, Pennsylvania

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If your address is not current, then you will not receive the latest news and information.



Thanks to Brad Williams and Mazzio's for continuing to support the Oklahoma Chapter NCRS. We appreciate your help.



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