



MONTHLY MEETING — SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

Ollie's Station Restaurant, 4070 Southwest Blvd, Tulsa, OK 74107
 7:30 AM to 08:00 AM—Parking Lot Gathering; 08:30 AM meeting starts indoors!

Dues Reminder—Your 2023 Chapter Dues were due in January 2023. If you haven't paid them yet, you can bring them to the breakfast meeting or mail them to the me.



**May
 2023
 Newsletter**

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

President's Comments—I'd like to start off this month by thanking all of the members for showing me the confidence to be your chapter chairman for 2023. I'm thoroughly enjoying the role! Even though I originally joined the NCRS in 2008, I was inactive for a long time and then got involved again after buying my my 1965 coupe from Dave Williams in April 2021. In the four months I have been chairman, I have learned so much about our chapter, several of our longtime members, and our overall organization. What an incredible group!

April started off with our April 1 chapter breakfast at Ollie's and then a road trip to Enid for the Corvette Expo. We had a small contingent caravan from Tulsa and meet up with some of our members from the Oklahoma City area. The Corvette Expo had 100 Corvettes from all generations and was a great show. It was nice to see Gene's 1965 fuelie coupe and Manny and Kristy's 1970 bronze coupe there.

A week later, sadly, I learned about the passing of long-time member, John Bernardine (NCRS #781). John's eldest son, Jeff, reached out to the NCRS to ask us to lead a procession to Saint Mary's for John's funeral mass. On April 15th, a group of us, led by Verle in his 1957 fuelie, met up to escort John's ashes to the



church. 3 of the family members road in the procession with us. As we gathered and waited for the procession to begin, I got a chance to hear part of John's life story and his connection to the NCRS, going back to the early days of the Oklahoma chapter. We have lost too many of our longtime members in the last several months, but it is nice to be able to help preserve their legacy and it was an honor to be a part of John Bernardine's funeral procession. Thanks to Mike Aichele for getting us all organized with the Bernardine family.

The last Saturday of April was our 2023 chapter judging event and another excellent opportunity to learn more about what our chapter is all about. Chapter member Larry Witt hosted us in his incredible facility in Stillwater. We had members from Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas, and all over Oklahoma show up for the event. This was my first ever judging event and what a time it was! I was an Observer Judge with Roy Sinor and Kristy Hernandez. The teams judged Larry's 1958 and a 1975 coupe that Jim McKinney drove over from Arkansas, in the rain, to be judged. The '58 was awarded a Top Flight and the '75 was awarded a Second Flight. Gene Holtz drove his '65 fuelie and received the Sportsman Award. In addition to those three cars, the '58 judges went over another 1958 to give notes to the owner to prepare car to be judged it in the future. I'm blown away by the level of knowledge that our judges have and have a lot of respect the process to judge a car. Thank you to Gene Holtz and Larry Witt for making this event a success!

With so much happening in the past couple of months, I can't wait to see what the rest of 2023 brings! I look forward to seeing everyone at the May 6th breakfast and more events over the coming months.

**NCRS Oklahoma Chapter President
 Rob Wilson (NCRS #48348)**

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Membership Chairman's Comments—Our current membership roster sits at 79 members with 64 of those having paid their 2023 dues. We are currently at a 81% renewal rate. I will be accepting your 2023 dues at the June 2023 meetings or by mail.

**NCRS Oklahoma Chapter Membership Chairman
Michael Aichele (NCRS #11685)**

Judging Chairman's Comments

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER SPRING JUDGING 2023

Our Oklahoma Chapter 2023 Spring Judging event on April 29th in Stillwater was a huge success thanks to the hospitality of Larry and Danita Witt. It was raining on Friday when our first judged car arrived that was driven from Arkansas by James McKinney. Larry provided car wash supplies before placing the 1975 coupe on the judging floor. A little later Gary Hobbs arrived with his 1958 big brake, fuel injected display car that we inspected with him to see if there were any changes that needed to be made before a future Flight Judging attempt. Our other Flight Judged car was a 1958 owned by Larry and Danita Witt that was already inside the warm and dry building along with Larry's Concours Stock Division Blue Ribbon Award 1965. The rain stopped overnight and Gina and I arrived the next morning in our 1965 coupe that I had entered in the Sportsman Class.

At 9:00 Saturday morning after everyone had filled up on donuts and coffee I started the judging school with 32 signed up registrants that had entered from Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. I talked about what awards were available at the chapter level and how we go about earning them. We had a nice assortment of Flight, Concours, Sportsman, and display cars to judge or inspect during the day.

By noon when the pizza arrived we were a little over half way through the Flight Judging. After a short break we resumed the judging and were able to finish and back the cars outside for the operation test. After final tabulation we had a Top Flight for Larry Witt on his 1958, Second Flight James McKinney on his 1975 and I took home a Sportsman Award with my 1965.

I would like to thank everyone who came to Stillwater on Saturday to judge, tabulate or just hang around with us to find out what we do. It takes all of us working together to make a successful event. Special Thanks again to Larry and Danita Witt for there hospitality in hosting the event.

**NCRS Oklahoma Chapter Judging Chairman
Gene Holtz (NCRS #10606)**

email blue65L84@aol.com or 405-317-3919

Treasurer's Comments: We still got money in the bank!

**NCRS Oklahoma Chapter Treasurer
Scott Pfuehler (NCRS #20940)**

eMail WARNING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you get an email with language similar to the language below from any club member or officer, it is a scam. Do not ever buy "gift cards" for anyone.

"Are you available for assistance? I'm out of the state now, and I have absolute confidence in you to handle this. The National Corvette Restorers Society need **electronic gift cards** to make donations to Veterans in Hospice and Palliative care units to buy coronavirus disease (COVID-19) prevention items. I'm responsible for the reimbursement. Would you like further information?"

Note from Sue Beach concerning David Beach's (NCRS # 22091) death.

3/15/23
Dear Mike and Entire Corvette club,
Thank you for ^{all} your help in making members aware of David's passing. I know he would be so happy about The Brick for the National Corvette Museum. We did visit the museum anytime we were in the area. He did enjoy the club meetings and social gatherings. Thank you Again
Sue Beach 918-520-8565



Oklahoma Chapter Judging Event Pictures—April 29th, 2023; Stillwater, OK



More Sad News

Tony Salter (NCRS # 28394), a long time chapter member, is asking for our chapter's assistance in celebration of his son's (Sam) life by driving our Corvettes and gathering with other Corvette people in AR.

Bring your Corvette for a beautiful drive on Petit Jean Mountain on Saturday May 20, 2023. Gathering place is the Museum of Automobiles. This the 2nd Annual Corvettes on the mountain event, and this year we ride in Memory of Sam Salter who passed away from leukemia on February 23, 2023.

The Museum of Automobiles is located at 8 Jones Lane, Morrilton, AR 72110-9353. It is approximately 4 hours from Tulsa, OK. The gathering is a come and go event with lunch served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. I'm planning on going and will be leaving Tulsa around 6:00 am on May 20, 2023, if anyone is interested caravanning with me.



John Bernardine, (NCRS # 781) (28 Oct 1941—March 28, 2023)

John was born in Nyack, NY to Ralph and Mary Bernardine. He graduated from Hawthorne HS in Hawthorne, NJ where he was Class President during sophomore & junior years then Senior Class Cabinet Representative. He attended Fairleigh Dickinson University & IBM School of Business Machines. From an early age John was fascinated with automobiles and worked in various automotive capacities, from a stock clerk, warranty department management and counter salesman while also racing Mini Coopers, Formula (V, C, & B) cars on tracks on the East Coast. He met his wife Gail Butler in Fort Lee, NJ, they married in 1969, and moved to Tulsa, OK, in 1969, where they raised their 2 boys Jeffrey and Nicolas and their beloved Sara Sampson Hardy and Nola Beth Hardy.

John continued his lifelong passion for automobiles and racing in Tulsa. Upon arrival he started working and racing for Foreign Auto Motive Engineering [FAME], Automobiles of Italy, Automobiles International where he made many lifelong friends, then The Sports Car Company. John's knowledge led him to many advisory and leadership roles where he was heavily involved with automotive education and curriculum, and with organizations such as Automotive Service Association [ASA], and then as an elected school board member of Tulsa Technology Center where he was involved with the School-to-Work program. His work on the school board has positively influenced many young people's lives and his work has been recognized with many community service awards.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OKLAHOMA NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *May 6th—NCRS monthly breakfast—Tulsa (See Front Page)*
- *May 20th—Road tour to Morrilton, AR for Celebration of Sam Salter's life*
- *May 23rd—Route 66 road tour to OKC; Rudy's Bar-B-Q, 3437 West Memorial Road in Oklahoma City*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *June 1-3, 2023 - NCRS Regional, Altoona, PA*
- *June 8-10, 2023 - NCRS Regional, Rochester, MN*
- *June 29, 2023 to January 1, 2024 - NCRS National Gallery at the Nation Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/>*
- *July 23-27, 2023 - NCRS National, French Lick, IN*
- *August 24-26, 2023 - NCRS Gallery at Corvettes of Carlisle, Carlisle, PA*
- *September 14-16, 2023 - NCRS Regional, Ontario, Canada*
- *September 7-11, 2025 - NCRS National, South Pointe Casino, Las Vegas, NV*
- *October 19-21, 2023 - NCRS Regional, Frisco, TX*

OKLAHOMA HALLETT MOTOR RACING CIRCUIT: <https://www.hallettracing.net/>

59901 E. 5500 Rd., Jennings, OK 74038; Phone (918) 356-4814; eMail: jennifer@hallettracing.net

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3101 N Garnett Rd., Tulsa, OK 74116; Phone (918) 437-7223; eMail: megan@tulsaracewaypark.com

CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS: *(Stuff for Car Guy's and Gal's)*

- *Tulsa Tuesday Cruise Night, McAlister's Deli, 91st & Memorial, Tulsa, OK; 4:00 PM-Sunset (March 14 – Oct)*
- *Cars & Coffee, 13230 Pawnee Dr, Oklahoma City, OK; First Saturday monthly, 8:30AM-11:00AM*
- *Cars & Coffee, Kicker Facility, 3100 N Husband St, Stillwater, OK; Last Saturday monthly, 8:30AM-12:00PM*
- *Owasso Cruzrs Cruise In, 12900 E 86th St N, Owasso, OK; 2nd Wednesday monthly, 4:30PM-8:00PM*

OKLAHOMA CITY HAPPENINGS

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT NIGHT OKLAHOMA CITY—**Tuesday May 23rd** will be this months Attitude Adjustment Night at RUDY'S "Country Store" and Bar-B-Q located at 3437 W Memorial Dr. Oklahoma City, OK. Arrival time is 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. Hope to see you there.

TULSA HAPPENINGS *(PLEASE RSVP)*

Monthly DINNER—Everyone is welcome—Chapter Member's, spouses, partners, or singles to get together and mingle. It is a good time for all! Please come join us.

Thursday, May 11th's dinner will be at Oklahoma Joe's Bar-B-Cue, 6175 E 61st St, Tulsa, OK 74136. We always encourage our "singles" to join in the fun. **Gathering time is 5:30 PM.**

Please RSVP to Nancy Phillips that you'll be joining us! Contact her at 918-770-1043 or nancy.phillips@isocentric.com.

We hope to see you there. Future dates: June 8th—2023

TULSA HAPPENINGS

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT Night TULSA, OK —**Tuesday, May 16th; 5:00 pm** at Bravos Mexican Grill, 6104 E 71st Street, Tulsa, OK.

MEMBERS CLASSIFIED PAGE (*Wanted, For Sale or Service*)

For sale or a service you can provide Chapter Members? eMail me and I'll put it in the newsletter! - mjikelee@gmail.com

FOR SALE - Corvette "Body Dolly" and "Rotisserie" located in Wichita, Kansas \$3,000. Contact Dallas Keller at (316) 200-4125

FOR FREE - If anyone wants a past edition of the Judging Reference Manual or a Technical Information and Judging Guide let me know. I have Judging Reference Manuals and Technical Information and Judging Guides for 58-60, 63-64, 66, 68-69, 70-72, 73-74, 75-77, 80-82, and 90-91. Contact Scott Pfuehler at (918) 437-5292.

FOR SALE - 1965 Close ratio Muncie 4 speed. Main-case # 3851325, mid-plate #3857584, side cover #3831707. Date P0312 (March 12th) NO V.I.N. ON CASE. 7,000 miles on rebuild by Tom Parsons with upgrade to 1" cluster shaft and 26 spline input. Comes with new power torque pressure plate and good clutch disc and rear yoke. \$1,000.00 Gene Holtz (405) 317-3919

WANTED - ??

1953 Corvette Trivia

To turn the 1953 Corvette into a high-performance sports car, McCulloch Motors created an experimental supercharged model. Two such cars were developed as a possible solution to raise the specific output of original 'blue flame' inline-6 that produced less horsepower than the competing Ford Thunderbird. While the design was somewhat clumsy, power increased 35% from 87 to 117 bhp. At the time, McCulloch & GM listed the power output of 150 bhp. The performance increase meant that 0-60 times was reduced from 12 to 9 seconds. Proposed to GM as a possible factory option, the supercharger was never put into production.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Don't forget to visit our website for some up-to-date information about what is going on in the Chapter.

<https://www.ncrs.org/ok>

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER NCRS, INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

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How did you hear about Oklahoma Chapter NCRS? _____

What are your special areas of interest? _____

NCRS National Membership #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Corvette Information (Optional)

Year	Model	Color	Engine/HP
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Annual Dues are \$30.00 with membership expiring on December 31st. You must be an active member of the National Corvette Restorers Society before you can be a member of the Oklahoma Chapter N.C.R.S., Inc. Make checks payable to **Oklahoma Chapter NCRS, Inc.**

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