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## Chairman's Comments

by Neal Kennedy

A coupla activities besides the Breakfast Meeting are headed your way this month. Both new places to go and do car stuff. First up will be an Oklahoma Chapter Judging School on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Look for details elsewhere in the *Sidepipe*, but don't overlook thanking your Judging Chairman, Brett Driscoll, for putting it together. He'll need your help, and "I don't know what to do" is not a good excuse to just stand and watch.

Doing it is the best way to learn, not just how to judge, but I've found it's the best way to learn about the cars. You can read the manuals all day long, but most of the information won't stick with you. However, hands-on judging can make a better imprint on one's brain and your recall will surprise you. This is not a contest to see who knows the most about Corvettes.

The NCRS judging system had earned the respect of many high-end collectors due to its integrity. The cars are not judged for first, second and third place. They are judged against a standard. Consistency is one of the main goals. That comes with practice. So, whether you are experienced or novice, plan to attend the school.

Another reason to come on the 12th is to see long-time member Dominic White's new digs. Pretty impressive. If we all behave ourselves he might even let us use it again in the future. Thanks in advance, Dominic, for the hospitality. Scott Pfuehler was one of the early birddogs that landed us in such a nice facility.

Next on the NCRS calendar is the John Zink Ranch

Museum Tour on October 26<sup>th</sup>. We've been talking about it a long time with Mike Smith and Events Chairman Jim Elder putting it together. It's important we get an accurate head count in advance for this one.

We'll all need to go up together. They can't leave someone at the gate to the ranch all day for drop-in visits. It's not your everyday, open-to-the-public museum. In fact, it's a very exclusive deal. We're grateful the owners have agreed to let us take a look. Let's be good guests. How often do you get a chance to see a car that won the Indy 500?

The new-and-improved Oklahoma Chapter Website continues to pick up steam under the skilled direction of Kelly Bolton. We owe Kelly and his committee major thanks for their continuing efforts on the project. They've put in a lot of hours. It definitely is a never-ending effort to keep the material fresh and the calendar up to date. That means the work is never done. Try to contribute instead of criticize.

I'll be handing the Breakfast Meeting gavel over to Vice Chairman Phil Gray this month. Hallett Motor Racing Circuit calls once again. I've backed off most of my chores out there, but the Porsche Club of America's Octoberfest event is one of the few races I still work. Thanks, Phil, for steering the ship Saturday. We'll see ya'll at the Judging School and on the Zink Ranch trip.

Meanwhile, nominations for club officers are coming in November. The election is in December. Don't be shy. Think about running for one of the highly sought-after posts that keep this club running. The competition is intense. But there is no time limit on the length of campaign speeches in this club.

## *October Breakfast Meeting*

Our monthly breakfast will take place on Saturday, October 5. 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 September Attitude Adjustment Night on Tuesday evening, October 15, will be The Rib Crib Restaurant, 8040 South Yale. We have the use of a meeting room for our group.

The time people start to arrive is 5:30 p.m. Most are there before 6:00 p.m. The food is quite good and Tuesday night is "Rib Night" - all the ribs and side orders that you can eat for \$10.99. There are specials on beer, too.

## *Zink Ranch Museum Tour*

by Jim Elder

On Saturday, 10-26-13, the NCRS group will be visiting the Zink Ranch Museum.

We will meet at 8:00 am at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. From there, we will take a short drive thru the Osage Hills to the ranch. WalMart is located at Highway 412 & Highway 97. Please be at the parking lot at 8:00 a.m., so we can go thru the Zink Ranch security gate together. You will be able to leave the ranch on your own at any time.

Please call Jim Elder at 918-748-8256 if you have any questions.

DATE: 10-26-13

TIME: 8:00 a.m.

WHERE: WAL-MART PARKING LOT  
SAND SPRINGS, OK.

## *Hello, Corvette Hobbyist*

by Brett Driscoll  
NCRS# 26846

I hope everyone has had a chance to get his/her Corvette out and enjoy it. The weather has been phenomenal. I hope you are planning on driving your Corvette to breakfast at Ollie's on Saturday. I enjoy seeing the cars out and about, but having a good Saturday morning tire kicking is even better.

I want to remind you of the Chapter Judging school at Dominic White's facility on Saturday, October 12th. I have two midyear Corvettes for you to learn about. The owners want to learn more about their cars and this will allow you to learn more about our hobby as well. The address is :

8515 East Skelly Drive -- Tulsa, Oklahoma 74129

I think you will have a great time and enjoy yourself all while learning more about these great cars. I have a local 66 roadster that we will be using in the school and a 63 roadster traveling to Tulsa from Edmond, Oklahoma. I will apply for as many judging points as possible to encourage you point chasers to come as well.

In preparation for our judging school I will have a tech session after breakfast on Saturday and we will talk about NCRS judging Basics. We will cover casting numbers, stamping numbers, date coding and how to discuss your scoring deductions with an owner.

I hope to see you then,

Save The Wave

## *Oklahoma Chapter Website*

by Kelly Bolton

Progress continues on our [www.ncrs-ok.org](http://www.ncrs-ok.org) website with several changes this month. First our Membership List has been added and includes all our active members. This list is password protected for access only by Oklahoma Chapter Members and selected NCRS Members outside our Chapter. Second item is our Events Calendar that has been updated to include regular meetings as well as special events, i.e. the Oklahoma Chapter Judging School on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> and the John Zink Ranch Museum Tour on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, our Classifieds have been populated with several items for sale from our members, so take a look. Our website continues as a "Work in Process", so continue to look for changes and as always your input/comments are appreciated, so please bring them to our next Chapter Meeting or email Russ, Verle or me.

# Partridge Ponderosa Provides the Perfect Place

by Neal Kennedy

Perfect weather wasn't the only thing that made the Oklahoma Chapter NCRS Annual Picnic and Ice Cream Social so special this year. The list of positive factors is long and distinguished. A fella hardly knows where to start.

How 'bout arrival? Smiling faces directed Corvette drivers to the perfect parking places for the car-show-quality lineup of Chevies assembling on the perfect lawn of Don and Janice Partridge's

Picture Credits - Janice Partridge & Mary Blakey



Ponderosa. A '57 BelAir convertible and '69 Z28 Camaro joined the Vettes on the east side of the Partridge estate. Throw in a Viper with all ten cylinders firing and a Super-Charged Caddy XLR and ya' got herself a good ol' tire kickin' underway.

Most everybody remembered to bring their folding chairs with more than two-dozen heads counted in the big circle. Perfect time to whip out the burgers and dogs. Don's brother, Mike, and his wife Karen, were up from Austin. Mike got the chore of grilling the meat with technical advice from Karen. Pam Elder's roaring red hot baked beans did not disappoint. Her recipe of "you can't have too many jalapenos" works fine for your Chairman's palate.

Back to the cooking. Since most of us are not fans of steak tartare, special thanks go to Ed Brett for the loan of his cooker. Another thank you goes to Jim Elder for helping Ed

haul it to and from the Partridge plantation. Tomatoes fresh from the host's garden joined the other condiments complimenting the meal. A variety of salads and other side dishes rounded out the chow line.

A half-dozen baked desserts joined the frozen offerings fresh from members' freezers. The key lime pie ice cream could knock you out of your flip-flops. It even had graham cracker crust cranked into the mix. I snuck back for seconds. Strawberry, rocky road, vanilla and butter brickle were among the temptations. That may have been the largest selection of homemade ice cream we've had in several years.

Thanks again to Don and Janice for stepping forward to help with the last minute change of plans. It was like old times back at The Ponderosa.



# *Black 1962 Corvette Helps Man Recapture Memories From Youth*

**Same color scheme, powertrain as car his father bought new**

by Heidi Van Horn

Glenn Edgecomb's love of the '62 Corvette goes back to his childhood, when the same cars we now covet as classics were new at the dealers.

Back in 1962 when this car was brand-spanking new, Edgecomb was merely 12 years old. With his father in the market for a new car and determined to get something sportier than the typical family sedan, the Edgecomb men did their due diligence in test driving every sports car brand on the market.

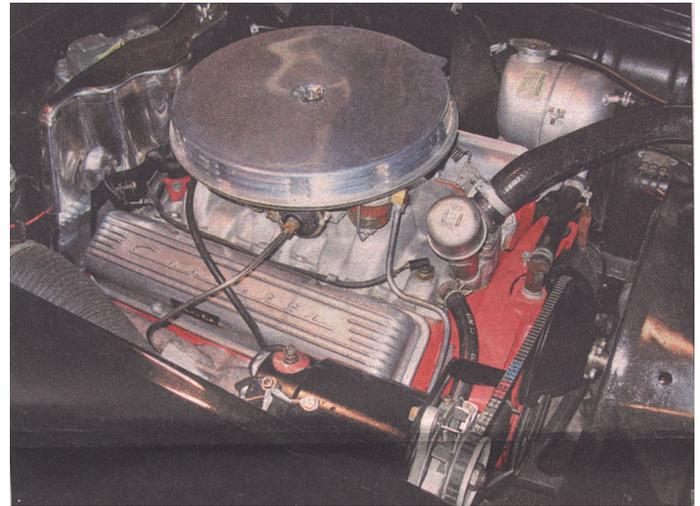


Over the course of many weekends, the two visited all the foreign sports-car dealers in Providence, RI., where they lived. From Alfa Romeos, Triumphs, Jaguars and MGs, nothing really seemed to do the trick for Glenn's "always a V-8 guy" father.

After giving the Alfas one more try and again being disappointed, the elder Edgecomb decided maybe it was time to go to the Chevrolet dealer across the street to check out the new models there. As they walked into the showroom, both father and son were drawn immediately to the stylish, brand-new Corvette on display. In no time, Glenn was inside the car and behind the wheel, envisioning himself cruising down the road in the gorgeous 'Vette. Painted in Glenn's father's favorite color of black, it also had a black interior and a

300-horsepower 327-cubic inch V-8 engine with four-speed transmission.

When the sales manager offered to let them test



drive his own '62 Corvette, they hurriedly followed him to the back of the dealership to check it out.

Fifteen minutes later, the deal was done and the showroom Corvette was theirs. In the years to follow, the father-son team bonded, driving the Corvette to the Indy 500 in 1963 and 1964, taking it regularly to Saturday night stock car races, and even being the car Glenn learned to drive in at 15 and take his driver's test.

A few years ago, when Edgecomb's father passed away, he got the notion to find a Corvette as close to the one they had owned in his teens and shared so many fond memories over. Tracking down just the right ride in Jamaica, NY, Edgecomb got his hands on this '62. It is a triple-black, matching-numbers classic, with a 340-horse 327-CID V-8, a four-speed transmission, 3.36 positraction rear end and





convertible hardtop. Edgecomb said it appears to be an original, unrestored 40,000-mile car, with the exception

of a paint job more than 20 years ago.

Edgecomb loves having a car that reminds him of those special years with his father, and he enjoys taking it to car shows and events. In addition to recently showing (and winning titles) at the Houston AutoRama and the 2011 Corvette/Chevy Expo, Edgecomb plans to take the '62 to Keels & Wheels Concours d' Elegance and to this summer's Classy Chassis Show.

(This article brought to our attention by Wilma Clark. It is from the *Houston Chronicle* InMotion Section March 24.2011)

## 1956 Corvette Example Of American Icon

by Heidi Van Horn

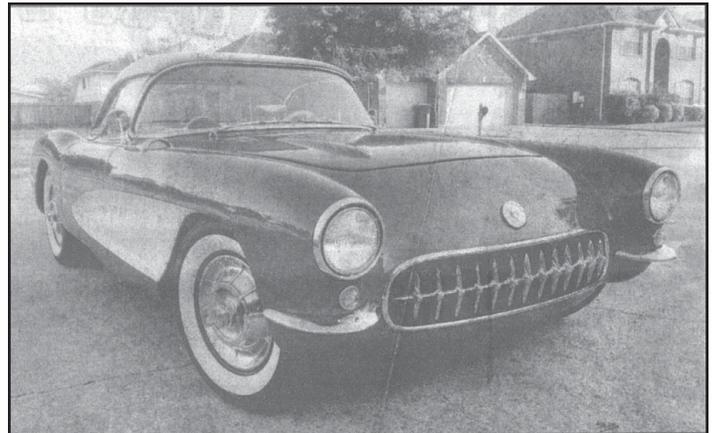
While it could be argued among car lovers exactly which car is the most iconic American classic automobile, there's no disagreement the Corvette is at least among the list of top choices. It is estimated a total of 1,370,759 Corvettes have been produced since they debuted in summer 1953. Starting as a showy concept car, it was one of the few sports cars of the era to continue production throughout the decades, still being a steady seller today.

This stunning red and white 1956 Corvette, owned



by CL Turcotte of Bryan, is a beautiful example of

why. One of 13,467 Corvettes made that year, in the model's fourth year of production, this looker is a shining illustration of a slightly modified take on a true American icon, a graceful yet powerful sports car.



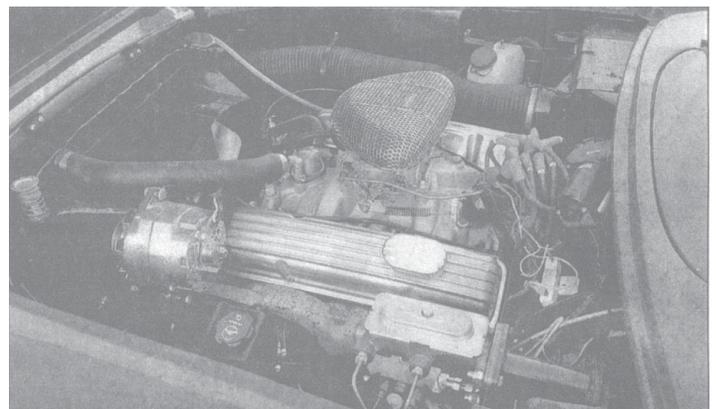
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Turcotte's nephew sent in the photos and information about his uncle's sweet Corvette resto-mod to me when he had the beauty in his possession. Mark Turcotte was getting the all-American auto ready for a steering column change.

Mark is no stranger to cool cars and great classics, himself.

Mark, of Katy, is a fellow car lover and is a member in the Cam Grinders Car Club of Houston. He was making the column change for his Uncle CL, and has helped make a few other small modifications to the classic.

One of the subtle revisions to the original look of the 'Vette the Turcottes decided to make was losing the molding trim. Mark said, "The side molding has been removed per my uncle's request." The look was one



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that, while not stock, was true to the era for his uncle.

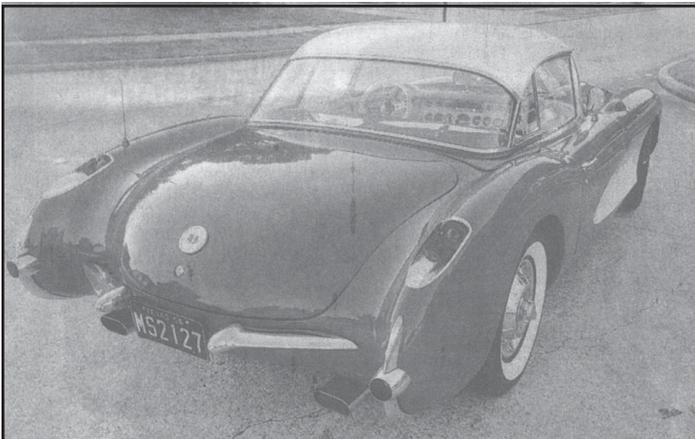
“He said back in the day they pulled the molding off to give it more of a hot rod look,” Mark said. They both agreed going with the hot rod take on the car was the way to go.

The fantastic '56 is, however, all original in its parts except for the engine (and the soon-to-be-replaced steering column). The original V8 engine was replaced with a larger 350 small-block Chevy engine. Mark said, “It still has the two-speed power-glide transmission: and stock rear end.”

The convertible has both a hard top and a soft top. One of the other touches Mark said is, “the '56 and '57 had the single headlights, not until '58 did they have the more commonly seen dual headlights.”

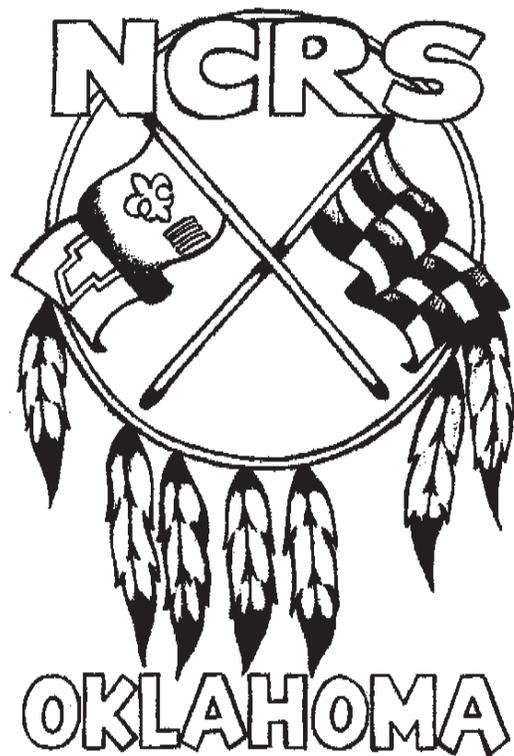
This flawless Corvette got a new, lowered profile. “The front end of the car has been lowered about 2 inches to help give it more of an aggressive stance,” Mark said.

The overall effect is a lovely mix of subtle customizations on a quality classic American car.



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(This article brought to our attention by Wilma Clark. It is from the *Houston Chronicle* Automotive Advertising Section July 4, 2013)



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### *Corvette Classified*

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**For Sale:** 1965 – 1969 NOS Grill Brackets, \$15.00 per bracket. I have more 1969 brackets than mid-year. Phone me with part number, year, and brief description.

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## Upcoming Events

- Oct 5 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK  
Oct 12 Oklahoma Chapter Judging School - information at September breakfast meeting and October *Sidepipe*  
Oct 15 Attitude Adjustment Night - Rib Crib Restaurant - 8040 South Yale Ave. - Tulsa, OK  
Oct 17-19 NCRS Texas Regional - Frisco/Dallas, Texas - See *Driveline* for info  
Oct 26 John Zink Ranch Museum Tour - Details in this *Sidepipe*  
Nov 2 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK  
Dec 7 Annual Christmas Party and Dinner -

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Jan 23-26 NCRS Winter Regional - Kissimmee, Florida

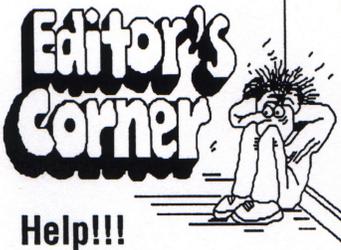


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