



# ROAD NOISE

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## Chairman's Letter

As I write this Chairman's letter for this second quarter of 2020 I'm amazed at how this year has unfolded thus far. I don't need to tell any of you how unkind this year has been. It has certainly made planning, and usual activities a challenge. In a "normal" year we would have a slate of car shows and activities lined up for the summer months. We would have some cars lined up for judging, and some cruises on the schedule. This year pretty much every major car show has been canceled or delayed. The Cache Valley car show, Peach days car show, Wendover Father's day car show, Layton, Festival of Freedom car show, 25<sup>th</sup> Steet in Ogden, the list goes on and on.

One of my favorite activities of summer is the annual trip to Reno for Hot August Nights. I've made this trip 20 years straight, but 2020 threw a wrench in the works for this year and it is canceled as well. They were going to continue with the auto auction in Reno even though Hot August Nights was canceled, but now they have canceled that as well. Arrghh!

The National NCRS has had issues with scheduling regional and national events as well, and most of those plans have been canceled this year. 2020 is definitely teaching us to be adaptable in our scheduling of events.

When the quarantine was in effect, and April's meeting was canceled, we opted to have a cruise for May's meeting. Everyone was ready to get out and see someone and do something! The day we chose for the cruise was a perfect day, and the event was enjoyed by all. It was a welcome recess from the quarantine we all had been through. 2020 is proving to be a year we likely won't forget.

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## **Chairman's Letter con't...**

We may want to, but I suspect it will live vividly in our memories. Covid, earthquakes, murder hornets, riots, protests, and I just read about this little addition to 2020. It seems that a lot of meth ends up in gray water in the everglades and such. The alligators are becoming addicted to meth and are becoming more aggressive due to their meth addiction. So now we can add meth addicted aggressive alligators to 2020's list of gifts that keep on giving!

We will try to put together some activities for the remainder of the summer. We can always enjoy some cruises even though a lot of the car shows have been canceled. We should be able to get 4 or 5 cruises in this summer. We have not ruled out our annual barbecue and we may be able to put that on the agenda.

I understand your frustration with a constantly evolving schedule, but as things get canceled, moved and changed, let's try to make the best of it and put together some fun activities for the remaining summer days!

I look forward to a kinder finish to the harsh beginning that 2020 has opened with.

Thank you for your involvement with Bonneville NCRS

Hope to see you all very soon!  
All the best to you and yours,  
Stay safe!

**Alan Rohlfing**  
**NCRS Bonneville Chapter Chairman**





# 2020 Board and Chapter Info

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## **Bonneville Chapter (Utah)**

Est. in 1992. Takes its name from the pre-Historic Lake Bonneville. Host to the 2005

Nationals at Park City. A numbers of Members are nationally recognized experts

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# 2020 Overview Calendar

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| <b>Date</b> | <b>Event</b>   |
|-------------|--|
| <b>Jul</b>  | <i>Membership Meeting – First Tuesday of the Month (7PM)</i> |
| <b>Aug</b>  | <i>Membership Meeting – First Tuesday of the Month (7PM)</i> |
| <b>Sept</b> | <i>Membership Meeting – First Tuesday of the Month (7PM)</i> |
| <b>Oct</b>  | <i>Membership Meeting – TBD</i>                              |
| <b>Nov</b>  | <i>Membership Meeting – TBD</i>                              |
| <b>Dec</b>  | <i>Membership Meeting - TBD</i>                              |



# May Cruise Northern Valleys

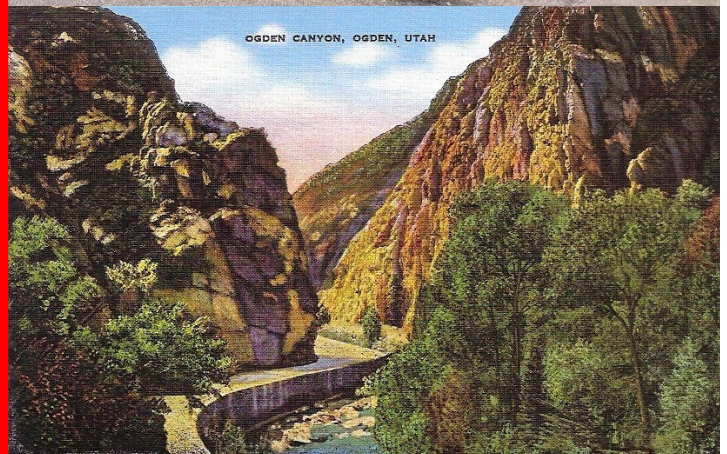
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With the COVID virus dictating a lot of our activities this year and meetings getting canceled to ensure social distancing we opted to have a cruise for our May meeting. We could maintain accepted spacing during the quarantine and still get together and enjoy our cars.

On Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> we met at Culver's in Bountiful to begin our journey. We had 19 Corvettes show up for our May meeting. Two Corvette owners that were not part of the club joined with us to see what our group was all about.

Jeff Zornow was our pilot for the cruise and led us north up highway 89 toward Morgan. Jeff did a marvelous job pacing us so that we could stay together as a group.





# May Cruise to Northern Valleys

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Traffic was perhaps somewhat less than usual due to the quarantine having an impact and we were able to keep a pleasant line of Corvettes cruising up the canyon. We stopped at the Sinclair gas station in Mountain Green for a break and lined our cars up on the west portion of the parking lot. A group of Corvettes coming down from Snowbasin saw our Corvettes and pulled in to see what we were up to. We pretty much filled that Sinclair's lot with a variety of Corvettes. We departed the Sinclair station and headed up over the summit and came down Ogden canyon. It was a picture perfect day and the melting snow created several small waterfalls for added scenery. A most pleasant sight, seeing that string of Corvettes winding down through Ogden canyon! We stopped at the Smith's store as we left the canyon and planned our journey back. Don Lanoy invited us to stop by his amazing collection of cars and automobilia as we would be passing by his location. What a marvelous collection Don has and we all admired the collection and tried to choose a favorite. That was not an easy task! A big Thank You to Don for the tour of his collection and his hospitality! The day was a wonderful event that we all enjoyed after being cooped up due to the quarantine.



## Early Corvette Steering Wheel Resto

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There is a common statement that there are only two kinds of motorcycle drivers...those who have crashed and those that will crash. The same may be said for early Corvette steering wheels... "There are those that have cracked and those that will crack." Indeed it seems to be a malady that faces a lot of the older classic steering wheels that have been handled and twisted and pulled and left so many years in the sun to dry out.



## *Early Corvette Steering Wheel Resto*

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All you have to do is check the reproduction companies to see what they are charging for a reproduction steering wheel and you will quickly look for a used original that is more correct and not so expensive. There is hope for a cracked steering wheel, it just takes a little or a lot of time, (depending upon the condition of the steering wheel) to correct the situation. You will need sandpaper, epoxy and something to grind out the cracks to make them deeper and wider.

Start with cleaning and inspecting the wheel and noticing where all of the cracks might lie hidden. Many are obvious and very deep and wide, but some may be very minor. If not fixed at this stage those small cracks will increase in size and become visible when the steering wheel is eventually painted. I have found that you should remove all of the old original paint by sanding it off (don't use stripper, since I don't think it would be wise to get paint stripper down into the deep cracks of the wheel to potentially later compromise your new paint job). Once the paint is off, wash the wheel and wherever it is cracked you will see where the water will show up darker in the cracks, whether you could see them before or not. Since the steering wheels are composed of a dark grey to black plastic material, they will show up a little darker when wet. That's a good way to check and make sure you have them all addressed.

At each crack, use a device to cut a "V" into the wheel down to the entire depth and length of the crack. Making sure the 'V' you have made is wide enough to get the epoxy into. I used a pointed bur with my Dremel tool to grind out the cracks. It worked slick and cut right through the plastic of the steering wheel. Some prefer to use a hack saw or other powered device to grind out the material. Once you have ground out all of the cracks, again, wash the steering wheel and thoroughly dry it to prep for application of the epoxy. While the wheel is drying, note any cracks that you may have missed and address those, also.







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After it's completely dry, mix up equal parts of epoxy and hardener. I used PC7 epoxy as it dries hard and sticks aggressively. Mix up the epoxy and force it down into the cracks making sure the voids are all filled smooth to avoid having to re-fill. If there are lots of cracks, this is a potentially very sticky job! After letting it dry for 24 hours, I sand the wheel down (taking care to not go beyond the original surface of the wheel as it would then require re-filling) and note any areas where there were voids not covered or filled in the original epoxy application. Just like applying body filler, it may take a few applications to get it all satisfactorily filled and leveled out. After finish sanding (this process will take some time and patience) and cleaning it should now be ready to prep and clean then paint.

It is a fair amount of work with all of the grinding and filling and sanding, but it's a great feeling to save one of these original steering wheels and to know that your steering wheel is not a reproduction. Once painted and complete, install it and go take it for a spin! Literally and figuratively! Happy cruising!

***Tech Session by Rex Marshall***

***Tech Article by Mark Pugmire***





## ***C1/C2 Cruise Night (a great memory)***

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Nielsen's Frozen Custard photo shoot

Marks daughter, and Steve Kalm took some amazing pictures which Mark has said we will have access to as soon as they are edited. Steve posted a very nice video clip on the Bonneville NCRS FaceBook link. A big thanks to all that were able to attend, and a big shout out to Mark for brainstorming this idea, and securing the site.



# NCRS Chapter Award Program Quarterly Reporting Form

Chapter Name: Bonneville Chapter State: UT

Reporting Quarter 1 2 3 4 Number of members on Feb. 1, 29  
(Check One)     (see definition)

Contact Name: Alan Rohlfing Phone # 801-298-1808  
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## Required Activities

Check requirements completed.

- 1. Host one Chapter Judging Meet – Date of event: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Conduct one technical seminar. – Date of event: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Conduct one judging school. – Date of event: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Conduct one membership meeting – Date of event: Jun 02
- 5. Conduct one stand alone chapter charitable event. – Date of event: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Conduct one chapter road tour. – Date of event: May 9<sup>th</sup>
- 7. Conduct one chapter social event – Date of event: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Chapter website maintained and linked to [www.ncrs.org](http://www.ncrs.org) (need chapter web address by January 1) Address: www.ncrs.org/ut
- 9. Must submit proof or IRS filing each year by year end.

Items 1 through 7 and 9 must have supplementary documentation such as sign-in sheets documenting attendance. Each required activity is to be a separate entity.

## Variable Activities

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members to have their car(s) judged at a hosted Chapter/Regional judging meet.
- 2. 1 Number of technical articles published in the chapter newsletter (send newsletter).
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members that judged or tabulated at a hosted Chapter/Regional judging meet.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members that drove their Corvette to a chapter meeting or event.
- 5. 19 Number of members that drove their Corvette on a chapter road tour.
- 6. 20 Number of members that attended at least one chapter event.
- 7. Setup a FACEBOOK page, with minimum 1 video posted of NCRS Chapter Event
- 8. Set up an NCRS display at a non-NCRS Car event to promote NCRS
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount your Chapter donated to a 501-3C charity. (see new guidelines)  
(Need a copy of the canceled check or documentation from charity)

All activities must be conducted according to NCRS Chapter Guidelines.

All items must have supporting documentation (such as sign-in sheets).

**Report Schedule:** The NCRS Chapter Award Program will be based on the calendar January 1 thru December 31

First Quarter due April 10th

Second Quarter due July 10th

Third Quarter due October 10th

Fourth Quarter due January 10th

All reports & supporting documentation must be sent to: B

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