

# The Flag Bearer

A Publication of the Southeast Chapter of the NCRS  
(National Corvette Restorers Society)  
Spring 2025



## Highlights:

- Chairman's Report
- Judging Chariman's Report - Corvette Expo Meet
- 8 new members joined our Southeast Chapter this quarter
- Technical Articles – C2 & C3 Lower Ball Joint, and Maintenance Checklist

## Chairman's Report

If you did not attend the Corvette Expo Judging Meet you missed a really great event. Special thanks to the new event owners. They were responsive to all of our needs and consolidated our judging meet and NCRS Display areas greatly enlarging our footprint and exposure. We were located on both sides of the aisle taking up one entire corner of the building. The display area was developed by Chris Henry and staffed by Chris, Dave DeVecchio and others. They answered questions about the cars, NCRS, and recruited new members. Marianne was able to sign up several new members as a result of their and others' efforts interacting with the public.

Also special thanks to the car owners and judges. We have never had cars and judges representing such a large geographical area of the country. Even Jon Schafer, owner of Corvette Specialties of Kansas City, was judging. It was really great to meet so many great people.

The Buyavette event will be held on July 11 and 12th this year and we look forward to another great turnout. Get those Corvettes out and drive them and we will see you in Atlanta in July.

Tom Beuglas

## Vice Chairman's Report

Spring has bloomed and the hot weather is around the corner – making this the perfect time to hop in your Corvette and go for a drive.

2025 NCRS events in our area in January though early April included the Florida Regional in Melbourne, FL, our Southeast Chapter Spring Meet at the Corvette Expo in Pigeon Forge and the Carolinas Regional this past weekend in Clemson, SC. Numerous Southeast Chapter

members and their Corvettes attended all 3 events. Details of our Pigeon Forge event are included in Rich Mauser's Judging Chairman's report below.

Our Metro Ambassador's are gearing up for local events and will be contacting members soon:

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- Atlanta; Jim Krakau
- Huntsville/Scottsboro, AL; Ralph Goode
- Knoxville; Dave DelVecchio
- Nashville; Richard Brodeur

We are interested in adding ambassadors throughout Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee. Please let me know if you are interested in hosting local events in your metro area. Typical events might include a meet up at a local car show, a periodic restaurant meet and greet, a tech session, road tour, etc.

A quick shout out to Mark Donnally who has been named Director of the Advanced Judging Seminars at NCRS Regional events. He succeeds John Ballard who recently retired from the post.

The NCRS March 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting video is available at: <https://www.ncrs.org/contact/documents.php>. The written minutes are also available at the above link. An area of interest identified in the minutes is a marketing initiative started by the new NCRS Vice President, Tony Stein. We look forward to ideas for enlisting new members in the organization.

Vettes of Atlanta online magazine featured our own James (aka Chris) Henry in a recent article entitled James Henry's 1967 Corvette is Still Going Strong. One line I like in the article "You can't have those adventures when your Vette sits idle in the garage, nursing on a trickle charger." Go out and create your own adventures and check out the article and other Corvette stories at: <https://vettesofatlanta.com/james-henrys-1967-corvette-is-still-going-strong/>

Thank you for your enthusiasm and support in 2025!

Jim Krakau

## Judging Chairman's Report

Our SE NCRS Spring Meet was held in conjunction with the Corvette EXPO in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. on Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our hosts, H&J Promotions, for accommodating our event and for providing us with a prime corner location complete with a continuous red drapery backdrop showcasing our area. This highly visible location afforded us better exposure within the EXPO, and we had a first-class display area for our seven Flight-judged cars. The feedback received from participants has been more than positive.

Patrons of the Corvette EXPO were able to observe NCRS Flight Judging from the aisle for general attendees just outside the cordoned off judging area. Quite a few had questions about NCRS judging, membership and chapter membership. Our SE membership manager, Marianne Landis, and Chris Henry, did a fine job of answering questions, recruiting new members and directing patrons to the NCRS store.



In addition to our Flight and Sportsman cars, we had an inside display with four cars and a chassis. This special display was managed and coordinated by Chris Henry and is described in detail elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you, Chris, and thank you, Kirk Turner, for allowing us to use your chassis for judging school.







Dave and Tracy King once again manned the NCRS store at the event. All the publications handled by the store were on display and available for purchase, and new members were enrolled as well as memberships reinstated for some whose memberships had expired.

There were three distinct NCRS presences in the EXPO—the NCRS store, Chris Henry's car display area and, of course, our SE NCRS judging area. NCRS was quite the focal point of this year's Expo!

On Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, all of our Flight-judged cars arrived. Cars were positioned on the loading dock area and operations judging was completed. Then cars were positioned inside the building. Flight Judging took place on Saturday.



Judging School on Friday was well attended, with great participation by the attendees. In fact, the session extended beyond the allotted time. Total attendance was 34 members. Mark Donnally was our instructor for both the initial classroom portion as well as the restored chassis critique. John Ballard also presented several items of learning interest on various Corvette topics. All items were passed around the room for review and discussion.



Once again, we had an evening social at the Black Fox Lodge on Friday, with Violet eager to be our server. The 32 event registrants who attended had a good time and seemed to appreciate that it was at the hotel where many stayed.



We had two categories of vehicles at our event.

The following cars were presented for Flight judging, and awards were as follows:

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1958 owned by Joel Weinberger (Florida) | Top Flight |
| 1963 owned by Greg Dameron (Kentucky)   | 2nd Flight |





1967 owned by Wade Langley (Alabama) Top Flight  
1970 owned by Charles Haden (West Virginia) 3rd Flight



1978 owned by Neal Bennett (Georgia) Top Flight  
1990 owned by Mark Donnally (Kentucky) Top Flight



1993 owned by Jim Krakau (Georgia) Top Flight



And finally, we had our Sportsman cars:  
1967 owned by Chris Henry (Georgia)  
1967 owned by Dave DelVecchio (Tennessee)



1991 owned by Jonathan Mertz (Tennessee)  
2008 owned by Mickey Archer (Georgia)



A very special congratulations to all!

We also had an additional award, the Women's/People's Choice award. All Flight and Sportsman cars were eligible. The award went to Wade Langley with his 1967. Congratulations, Wade!





Judges and tabulators--thank you all for volunteering your hard work. We had 26 judges from 14 different states – **I'll say that again, we had 26 judges from 14 different states!** What an amazing turnout. Judges came from Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee, and Chapter member observer judges from Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Our tabulators traveled from Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee. Without your efforts, none of this would be possible. Again, your time, effort and knowledge is appreciated by all.

Hope to see all of you at our Summer Meet in Atlanta, Ga. scheduled for July 11 & 12 at Buyavette. This year our event at Buyavette will be a two-day, 5-judging point event. Details will be available online at [ncrs.org](http://ncrs.org) in "coming events" shortly after this newsletter is published.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any judging questions or concerns.

Rich Mauser  
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## Secretary / Membership / Event Administrator Report

I am happy to report we have added eight new members to our chapter since the last edition of the Flagbearer! We were fortunate to gain three new members at the Corvette Expo in March. It was a great event with some great Corvette enthusiasts whom I enjoyed getting to know! Please join me in welcoming all our new members to the Southeast Chapter!

|                |                                       |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| January 2025:  | 72505 – Lawrence Cox, Ridgeland, MS   |
| February 2025: | 72489 – Neal Bennett, Nashville, GA   |
|                | 72551 – Nicholas Lorenz, Carriere, MS |
|                | 48406 – Richard Small, Melbourne, FL  |
| March 2025:    | 14319 – Bob Belo, Sylva, NC           |
|                | 54773 – Greg Damron, Pikeville, KY    |
|                | 58205 – Jesse Walker, Mocksville, NC  |
|                | 72643 – David Western, Grundy, VA     |

As of March 31, 2025, we have a total membership of 112 members, which is an increase of 1 member since December 2024. Unfortunately, we have had six members whose Southeast Chapter memberships expired during the first quarter of the year, and they decided to let their memberships lapse or were unresponsive, so they were removed from the active chapter membership list.

Sadly, we received notification that James Kalivoda from Pensacola, FL, passed away on March 3, 2025. Our deepest condolences go out to his wife, Diane, and family at this time of loss. A donation on behalf of the Southeast Chapter has been made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society as per his obituary notice.

I continue to get reports from the NCRS on new members who have joined NCRS National and who live in our region. There have been a total of ten new NCRS National members in our region this past quarter whom I have invited to join our Chapter. Hopefully follow-up with these contacts will continue to result in adding new members to our Chapter.

Dues help to ensure the Chapter's continued success in fulfilling its purpose of preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of early Corvettes and to conduct meetings, tours, and programs of any sort relating to the development and history of Corvettes.

Dues may be paid online at NCRS.org, select **Join**, select **Join local chapters**, select **Southeast Chapter**, select **Join/Renew Chapter Membership**, or by mail your payment to the address below. Chapter dues are \$30 per year. I am sending out dues notices on a monthly basis. However, you may contact me at any time if you are unsure about the status of your dues.

*Marianne Landis*

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## RENEWAL



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## Treasurer's Report

**Southeast Chapter of NCRS, Inc.  
Quarterly Financial Summary  
Dec 27, 2024 to Mar 27, 2025**

|                          |  |           |                  |
|--------------------------|--|-----------|------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b> | <b>December 27, 2024</b>                   | <b>\$</b> | <b>14,849.92</b> |
| Income                   | Membership Dues                            | \$        | 1,329.56         |
|                          | Spring Judging Meet Registrations          | \$        | 1,315.32         |
|                          | Charity Raffle Ticket Sales                | \$        | 370.00           |
|                          | <b>Total Income</b>                        | <b>\$</b> | <b>3,014.88</b>  |
| Expenses                 | Judging Expenses                           | \$        | 1,391.15         |
|                          | Donation to St.Vincent de Paul in memorium | \$        | 100.00           |
|                          | Treasurer and Tax Filing Expenses          | \$        | 150.54           |
|                          | <b>Total Expenses</b>                      | <b>\$</b> | <b>1,641.69</b>  |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>    | <b>March 27, 2025</b>                      | <b>\$</b> | <b>16,223.11</b> |

Submitted by:  
Dave Del Vecchio – Treasurer

## Regional Director

### From your Region IV Director, Richard Small

Lynne Nimocks and I had the opportunity to attend the Southeast Chapter's judging event and school at the Pigeon Forge, Corvette Expo in TN. In attendance was a large group of judges from multiple southeast areas. On hand were 7 cars for flight judging and additional display cars. The enthusiasm was great. The school was maxed out in attendance and very informative. We saw smiles on all the participants. Rich Mauser did an amazing job with an equally amazing staff putting this event together.

Regards,  
Richard Small  
Email: smallblk67@gmail.com

## NCM / Communications

**Current Raffles:** 2025 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Convertible 4/17/2025  
2025 Red Mist Corvette Z06 Convertible 4/25/2025  
2025 Arctic White Corvette Coupe drawing on 4/26/2025  
2025 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 5/22/2025

**Current Exhibits:** Pop Culture & Corvettes – An American Love Affair  
Speed Captured – Photos of Richard Prince

**2025 Events:** 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Michelin NCM Bash, Apr 24-26.  
NCM 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Aug 28-30.

Details can be found at: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org>

## Technical Articles

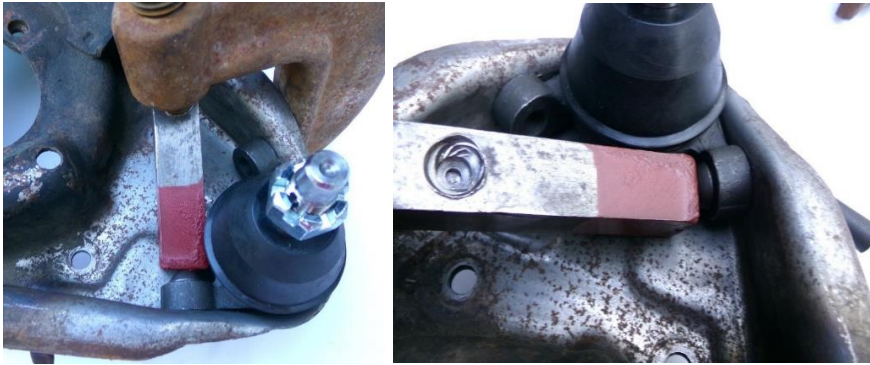
### C-2 & C-3

#### Simple and Easy Way to Replace Rivets on Lower Ball Joints



If you want to do this yourself, it is an easy procedure with this jig set-up. If the rivet hole has not been drilled out and the new rivet fits right, set up the jig as shown. If the rivet holes have been drilled out to 3/8 bolts, you can MIG weld a circle, grind the weld and redrill to the rivet size.





Tighten the clamp as if you want to break something (very tight) and proceed with the air impact tool. You have to keep the impact straight to get the right mushroom effect. Heating the tip on the rivet to red really makes it easy. You can create the mushroom with a hammer and set tool to have more control.

If you want to use this method, contact me and I will send you the 3 pieces  
Chris Henry  
Southeast Chapter

### **Corvette Maintenance Checklist from the American Muscle Car Museum**

At the January Florida Regional meet held at the American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne Florida, I met Ed Dedick and asked if he would share his Maintenance Checklist they use at the museum and he was happy to provide it. The attached checklist is detailed and can be a great tool for both an initial or annual review of the many areas of interest when maintaining your Corvette.

The check list has 160+ line items to review with the following sections:

- Pre-start and under hood
- Performance drivability
- Post drive and assessment
- Cleaning and detailing

The check list is an Excel spreadsheet that makes it easy to update line items, add a column for each year and add / delete lines. In addition, you can add lines of sections to suit your needs.

Suggested uses include:

- An initial assessment of a new purchase or project car
- An annual assessment and refresh of fluids
- Preparation for winter storage or spring operation
- To track repairs that have been made or need attention
- For future projects and listing required parts.

This maintenance checklist can be found on our chapter website at  
[SEC.NCRS.ORG/Technical Discussions/AMCM Maintenance Checklist](http://SEC.NCRS.ORG/Technical%20Discussions/AMCM%20Maintenance%20Checklist)  
Jim Krakau

## NCRS 2025 / 2026 Calendar of Events

| DATE         | EVENT                           | LOCATION        |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>2025</b>  |                                 |                 |
| May 1-3      | Arizona Chapter Regional        | Glendale, AZ    |
| July 11-12   | Buyavette Summer Judging Meet * | Atlanta, GA     |
| Jul. 16-19   | Kansas City/St. Louis Regional  | Springfield, MO |
| Sep. 7-11    | NCRS National Convention        | Las Vegas NV    |
| Oct.         | SE Chapter Fall Color Tour *    | Summerville, GA |
| Oct. 23-25   | Texas Regional                  | Frisco, TX      |
| <b>2026</b>  |                                 |                 |
| Jan. 14-17   | Florida Regional                | Melbourne, FL   |
| Jun. 4-6     | Pittsburgh Tri-State Regional   | Altoona, PA     |
| July 26-30   | NCRS National Convention        | Charleston, SC  |
| Oct. 23 & 24 | Texas Regional                  | Frisco, TX      |

\* NCRS – SE Chapter Event



**January 14-17, 2026**  
**Melbourne, Florida**







**Rialto Hilton**  
321-768-0200  
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- Come to Sunny Florida for the 47<sup>th</sup> NCRS Florida Winter Regional Event this year at the famous American Muscle Car Museum
- Large Corvette Swap Meet with National Vendors – Plus Variety of Popular Food Vendors
- OPEN & FREE to Public - FREE Large Public Parking – 500+ Spaces
- Registration : August 1<sup>st</sup> to December 24, 2025
- 4 Hotels with Discounted Rooms: See [flncrs.org](http://flncrs.org)
- NEW: 4<sup>th</sup> Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites: I-95 & 192 in West Melbourne: 321-345-418



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**Holley Carbs:** 1966 427/425 33886101 Core, 1965 327/365 #3849804 Reissue no date, 1966 327/300 – 350 H.P. #3884505 Service Replacement; 1963 WCFB #3826005

**1963 original windshield;** 1963 -1967 replacement windshield;

**3 1966 restored and dated 390HP Holley carbs;**

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**Sets of hubcaps** 1963, 1964, 1966, PO2; 1967 trim rings – restored.

**Contact: Tom Beuglas (404) 456-3711 or email [beuglast@gmail.com](mailto:beuglast@gmail.com)**

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**Stephen H. Byrd (865) 250-1968 [bunkybyrd@gmail.com](mailto:bunkybyrd@gmail.com)**

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**Chris Henry (61744) Southeast Chapter**

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