

CROSSED FLAGS

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National Corvette Restorers Society



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Event Calendar

- Chapter Judging Meet - March 2, Covington, LA
- NCRS Heartland Regional - May 2-4, Cedar Rapids, IA
- NCRS New England Regional - May 29 - June 1, Marlborough, MA
- Mississippi Corvette Show - August 2-3, Jackson, MS
- NCRS National Convention - August 4-8, Hampton, VA
- Corvette Carlisle - August 22-25, Carlisle, PA
- NCRS Texas Regional - October 24-26, Frisco, TX

Our Chairman's Message

Dear Members,

We have an upcoming Chapter Judging Meet on Saturday March 2, 2024 at Jason Gristina's shop in Covington, LA. Most of you are familiar with it since we had a previous meet there. If you have not registered, please go online to do so. We have 2 cars to judge and need help with getting that job done for the owners.

We are looking for a volunteer to head up a road tour and overnight trip to Jackson, MS to the MS Fair Grounds, Aug 2-3 for a Corvette show. Mike Martin is a resource that will be able to help with hotel and tours in the area. Let me know if you are interested.

2023 was our 25th year as an NCRS Chapter and we ordered a special 25th anniversary shirt and sent out a notice last December and the shirt orders have been filled and we have XL and XXL shirts left, if anyone is interested in buying one. They are \$25 and I will have them at the chapter meet if you want to pick up your shirts there. We can mail them out, but that is extra cost due to postage. Just let me know if you want your shirt. Those of you who responded already by email or sent me a form, you are good, I have your shirts. Let me know if you are coming to the chapter meet to pick up or would you like me to mail it to you for an extra charge.

We have a new Region 7 Director, Tony Stein and he sends out regular newsletters through Constant Contact to keep everyone informed of activities in our region. If you are not getting his newsletter please send me an email so I can forward to Tony to put your current email on the list. You will not want to miss these newsletters!!

Be sure you check out our Classifieds page for ads for vehicles and trailers. If you have an item to list in our next newsletter, let us know. Also, hope everyone knows how to check the free NCRS online classifieds on the national website. It has lots of info on cars to buy and sell and trailers. A good resource.

Cindy Rodriguez

Chairman, Louisiana Chapter



25th Anniversary Shirt - Front View



25th Anniversary Shirt - Back View

LA Chapter Judging Meet Details

The Louisiana Chapter of the NCRS is conducting a Chapter Judging Meet on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the shop of Jason Gristina in Covington, LA. A Judging School will be held that morning also. Meet will start promptly at 9am. We will be having a general membership meeting.

Jason Gristina
116 Pear Street
Covington, LA 70433

Directions from Baton Rouge:

Take I-12E to Exit 63 for US 190E toward Mandeville

Take Judge Tanner Blvd. exit, Left at fork

Left onto Fairway Dr/Judge Tanner Blvd, Turn Left on 190E service road

Turn Right on Pear Street, 116 Pear Street is on the Right

From Slidell head West on I-12 and exit at 63A, Follow same directions above to get to Pear Street

This is a maximum 3 point meet, 2 for judging, 1 for school. Be sure to pre-register online for both. Club will provide coffee, donuts and water, soft drinks and lunch. Please bring your chairs. We will judge 2 cars at this event, which will include flight and concourse cars. Remember, cars must be titled in your name and all registration and insurance must be up to date through the date of the meet. Drive your Corvette to the meet and register for a Sportsman Award. Any questions, please contact Maxie Rodriguez, 281-414-5049.

Hope to see you there!

Maxie Rodriguez

LA Chapter Judging Chairman

Florida Regional, Melbourne, FL - American Muscle Car Museum

By Cindy & Maxie Rodriguez

When you think of Florida in January you think Warm Sunshine, right? Not this January. Out of a 16 day road trip, I think we only had a few days of sun and most of our days were windy, cold, cloudy or rainy. I know we should not complain because our house back home was having freezing temperatures and ice storms. Only problem was we went to Florida to participate in 2 outdoor car events, Bloomington Gold in Kissimmee and NCRS Florida Regional in Melbourne, FL. Due to rain and high winds, both events had to be advanced a day to accommodate the owners and judges on a day that looked like it could be more suitable. Fortunately for us, that gave us less time to be nervous, but doing an operations check and car judging in 30+ mph winds is a little tricky for both the judges and car, trying to hold on to papers and holding the hood open so the wind doesn't slam it.

This 67/435 has been in restoration for the last few years and we achieved a Top Flight at our Chapter meet in September 2023 and went on to achieve a score of 98.9 Top Flight Regional in Frisco Texas in October 2023. This put us on the way to achieve our PV at the Florida Regional and going for the Gold at Bloomington while we were in the area. This was the first time Bloomington was held in Kissimmee and the first time the Regional was held in Melbourne. They were a week apart and about an hour and a half away from each other, so it was a good plan to pull our trailer with our 67 in it to get the Gold in Bloomington and PV the car at the Regional. We accomplished both and came home with a Bloomington Gold and a Yellow PV ribbon. But, we were not the only ones that accomplished their goals. Mark Kinler with Delkin Motor Sports traveled with us pulling a trailer with a 66 in it and achieved the Bloomington Gold and a Top Flight for Rob Wright. Bill Folsie achieved a Yellow PV ribbon for his 2006 and Al Bargas achieved a Top Flight for his 1967. We all came back with the prize we went for.

We were not the only ones from the LA Chapter in attendance at FL Regional. Roland & Janet Boudreaux and Tom Diermann were vending with us. John & Dale Maggiore, Randy Hebert, Brenda & David Lefeaux and James Youens were sharing our tent space as well. LA Chapter had 26 members at the Regional and I think that is a great showing of support for both chapters.

Florida Regional has always been a premier event at the beginning of each year and has had a long history of a great swap meet. Over the years, due to locations, the swap meet was in decline, but this year it made a comeback in a big way. Many vendors returned although not that many customers...yet. Mostly vendors buying from other vendors. I guess it will take another year before word gets out that the swap meet is back and bigger than ever!!

The American Muscle Car Museum is a unique venue and it was big enough to handle all the traffic and cars and vendors that signed up. Only problems were weather, wet grass and parking!! When we have outside venues we are at the mercy of Mother Nature, and she could have been nicer. The cold rainy days and the mud soaked ground did not bode well for trailers and cars. That being said, the museum itself was fantastic. If you google the American Muscle Car Museum you can see the cars and read the fascinating history of the owner and his collections of specialty vehicles. His love of Porsche engines was evident in the tractors and tanks, not gas tanks, Army tanks!!! This museum is a bucket list thing for anyone with a love of automotive memorabilia and special collections.

We want to thank Richard Small and Lynne Nimocks for their teamwork with the Florida Chapter to put on this great event. It is a great way to start 2024. We will be going for the Duntov this August in Hampton Roads, VA. Wish us luck.

Florida Regional, Melbourne, FL - American Muscle Car Museum (continued)

By Cindy & Maxie Rodriguez

Bloomington Judging



LA Chapter Members at American Muscle Car Museum



Florida Regional, Melbourne, FL - American Muscle Car Museum (continued)

By Cindy & Maxie Rodriguez

Al Bargas Top Flight



Bill Folse PV Ribbon



Maxie Rodriguez PV Ribbon



Vendor Swap Space at FL Regional



C6 ZO6 Performance Verification – 2024 Florida Chapter Winter Regional



Traveling with our C6 ZO6 in tow to the Winter Regional in Melbourne, Florida was an adventure for the books. On Tuesday morning, I could not believe my eyes to see my beautiful Corvette, on the trailer, covered with *ICE* of all things. And it was 26 degrees.

We left Metairie mid-morning Tuesday heading East. Thankfully, conditions improved and traffic was light all the way to Tallahassee. We spent the night in Tallahassee. And headed out Wednesday morning for Melbourne.

We arrived in Melbourne at the American Muscle Car Museum early Wednesday afternoon. It is one of the largest car museums I have ever seen, perfect for the NCRS event. We unloaded the ZO6 and parked it on the judging field and proceeded into the museum lobby to get my paperwork. I was surprised to see the display of Ford GTs, Mustangs and AC Cobras, but not not one Corvette.



I spent quite a bit of time preparing the ZO6 for Performance Verification. The ZO6 has always been a rock-solid performer, but significant amount of the preparation was actually for myself. I did a lot of rehearsing to make sure I could get the ZO6 to demonstrate functions like the 1 to 4 shift, memory recall of the seats, mirrors, and steering wheel, operating the audio and navigation systems and other features I never really used. Finally, we were ready to do this!

The PV process started bright and early Thursday morning. Pete Bergman, C6 National Team Leader, presided over the PV. We began with the usual: lights, horns, door latches, wipers, alarm, and numerous other functions. Everything went well and in an orderly manner with no surprises!!

Then the road test...The ZO6 behaved perfectly and handled confident, calmly containing itself. After setting the trip odometer to Zero, we headed out on the test course with a brief display of acceleration to engage the Bi-mode exhaust. As we continued, Pete went down the list and we verified the PV line items. We tested the brakes, the ABS, all the other expected mechanical items. THEN...time for the Red Line test!

As luck would have it, we pulled over on the shoulder to test the Emergency Brake, which tested fine. Just as we were about to pull out and go for the Red Line Test to 6300 rpm, a police car turned the corner and drove past us. Luckily, there was another vehicle that had his interest and he proceeded down the road.

Taking the ZO6 to 6300 rpm in 1st gear can scarcely be described as "Spirited". I seldom do this, so practicing beforehand was essential. We pulled out onto the road and accelerated to 6300 rpm in 1st gear and followed up in 2nd gear to bring it down. Pete was brave as we indulged ourselves. The rest of the Road Test was a boring blur.



C6 Z06 Performance Verification - 2024 Florida Chapter Winter Regional (continued)

By Bill Folse

We returned to the judging field to complete the last items and wrap up the PV. Pete congratulated me with his findings that we passed PV, *the first C6 to pass Performance Verification!!*



Once the Z06 was situated in its parking spot, I took the opportunity to see the sights at the meet and also took an opportunity to visit the museum.

The American Muscle Car Museum contained a stunning collection of automobiles, including some of the most exclusive and luxurious to the most outrageous and powerful muscle cars ever built. Prototypes and unusual models from the '50s and 60s included the Mercury Turnpike, as well as the Ford Galaxie (Starliner?) Hardtop Convertibles. There were quite a few older examples, but there were many cars from the "Muscle Car" age, the ones we did burnouts in especially the SS Chevelles, and some that we drag raced on the cane field roads. Others included dream cars like the Porsche 918 Spyder Hybrid were on turntable displays. The Porsche display included Porsche farm tractors...



I did find a small contingent of beautiful Corvettes in the back...

The American Muscle Car Museum is an excellent venue for the NCRS event. The parking area in front of the building made an excellent site for the judging field and it was great to see the spread of Corvettes from every generation on display or being judged. The roads were very good and the adjacent areas have more than adequate retail areas and numerous gas stations that provided diesel and could accommodate truck and trailer combinations.



The Florida Chapter plans to hold its 2025 Winter Regional at this location. There's plenty of room for more Corvettes and a lot to see and do!

Bill Folse

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CORVETTES YOU OWN			
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 C/O JOHN MAGGIORE
 47133 MONTICELLO DRIVE
 HAMMOND, LA 70401

NCRS Chapter Award Program

The NCRS Chapter Award Program was developed to promote involvement and participation by members in their chapter events while encouraging the sharing of knowledge in the restoration and preservation of the Corvette. The program measures the performance of each chapter against standard award criteria similar to the principal used in NCRS judging. Each chapter is eligible to receive an award every year after submitting the required quarterly reports and fulfilling the required criteria. The Award Program is based on the calendar year January 1 to December 31. Recognition Certificates are issued in February, and the award is presented to the

TOP FLIGHT	SECOND FLIGHT	THIRD FLIGHT
Complete all eight required activities and six or more variable activities	Complete seven required activities and five variable activities	Complete six required activities and four variable activities

Required Activities for the year

- **1R** Host a Chapter Judging Meet
- **2R** Conduct a Chapter Technical Seminar
- **3R** Conduct a Chapter Judging School
- **4R** Conduct a Chapter Membership Meeting
- **5R** Conduct a Chapter Charitable Event (does not have to be Corvette related)
- **6R** Conduct a Chapter Road Tour
- **7R** Have a Chapter Social Event
- **8R** Maintain a Chapter Website linked to www.ncrs.org

Variable Activities for the year

- **1V** Judging Meet must include cars registered for Flight Judging from at least 5% of the Chapter membership
- **2V** Six technical articles must be published in the Chapter Newsletter
- **3V** A total of 15% or more of the Chapter members and/or family members must judge or tabulate at the Judging Meet(s). Each person can only be counted once during the year
- **4V** A total of 15% of Chapter members must drive their Corvette(s) to a Chapter meeting or Chapter event during the year. The Chapter Road Tour is not included. Each person can only be counted once during the year
- **5V** Chapter Road Tour must include at least 5% of the members cars
- **6V** At least 20% of the Chapter members must attend one or more Chapter meetings or events
- **7V** Set up NCRS display at a Non-NCRS event
- **8V** A charitable donation of \$100 or more is donated to a 501-3C qualified charity



Classifieds



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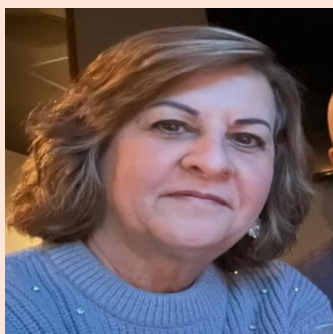
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