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Louisiana Chapter
National Corvette Restorers Society



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Event Calendar

- LA Chapter Judging Meet - September 24, 2022
- Lone Star Regional - October 20 - 22, 2022, Frisco, TX
- 44th Florida Winter Regional - February 23 - 25, 2023, Lakeland, FL
- NCRS National Convention - July 23 - 27, 2023, French Lick, IN

Our Chairman's Message

It has been a busy year for NCRS and our chapter members have been attending several Regional Judging Meets and having their cars judged as well as earning their judging points. I hope you were one of those guys!

Our membership numbers are steady in the 80+ members with some new joins and some leaving. A few members have dropped off because their National NCRS dues expired, and they did not renew. You must be a current National member to be in a chapter. The National sends an email reminder at the beginning of the month that your dues expire, and you have that time period to renew or you are dropped. Easiest way is for everyone to use the NCRS website at ncrs.org to check their profile and it will tell you dates for renewal as well as your chapter affiliations. There is a ton of info on your profile sheet that is useful in tracking your judging points and your car activities and awards.

Some members are telling me that they are not getting notifications about chapter meeting and other events. When I send out chapter mass email it will come with the heading [NCRS Webmaster.message@ncrs.org](mailto:NCRS_Webmaster.message@ncrs.org). Check your trash or spam box regularly if you hear that others are getting mail, but you are not. The NCRS tech board says that you need to put the address in your contacts so that you should receive the emails. Sometimes when I only need to send email to a select few members, I have to use my email address Cindyrodriguez677@gmail.com. The NCRS system only allows me to use mass mail. Confused yet??? Well Jim Boudreaux, Chapter Webmaster and I sat in an hour long seminar on this while we were at the National Convention and I think we both left with a headache, but this is the best we can do with the system we have. Jim will post info on the chapter site as well, so periodically check it out for any new information. Please feel free to call me or email me if you have any questions and maybe we can get online together and try to work it out.

We do have an upcoming Chapter Judging Meet, Saturday, September 24, 2022 and details are included in this newsletter. We have 2 cars to judge, a 67 and a 78. We are in need of members to judge these 2 flight cars. The online registration is at NCRS.org/events page. Please go online to register ASAP.

Hope to see you there.

Cindy Rodriguez

Chairman, Louisiana Chapter



LA Chapter Fall Judging Meet & School By Maxie Rodriguez

The Louisiana Chapter of the NCRS is conducting a Chapter Judging Meet on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at the shop of Jason Gristina in Covington, LA. A Judging School will be held that morning also. We will be having a general membership meeting to take nominations for officers for 2023. The meeting will start promptly at 9am. All CDC protocols for Covid will be in effect as per NCRS.

Jason Gristina
116 Pear Street
Covington, La. 70433

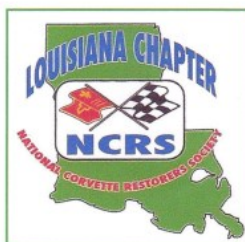
Directions from Baton Rouge:

Take I-12E to Exit 63 for US 190E toward Mandeville. Take Judge Tanner Blvd exit. Left @ fork. Left onto Fairway Dr/Judge Tanner Blvd. Turn Left on 190E Service road.

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

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

This is a 3 point meet. 2 for judging, 1 for school. Be sure to register on line for both. We are flight judging 2 cars a 67 and a 78. In need of members to judge and be in attendance for meeting. Register and drive your Sportsman car to the event as well. There is no fee for the meet except for awards. We will provide coffee and donuts, and lunch with water and sodas. Please bring your chairs. Any questions, please contact Maxie Rodriguez, 281-414-5049. The chapter needs your support, please attend if at all possible.



**Come Join Us for
CHAPTER JUDGING MEET
&
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH
Please Register Online**

**Location: Jason Gristina
116 Pear St
Covington. LA 70433**

9am Start Time



0 Fee for Attendance

Louisiana Regional - New Orleans, April 7- 9, 2022 By Cindy Rodriguez

Well it was over two years in the planning, but we pulled it off. When the idea came to put on another regional, it was 2019 and pre-covid. Never anticipated the issues we would have with covid and how it affected every aspect of our lives. Hurricanes are bad enough to have to deal with in our state, but when the country is affected with shut downs, supply chain issues and isolation, it takes on a whole new meaning of a successful regional. Our head count was down slightly from 2013 but, our car count was where we were lacking. We had 15 flight cars, 2 Concourse and 12 Sportsman cars. We were scheduled for more Flight cars, but we lost five entries in the last two weeks before the event, for various reasons. Registrations stayed fairly steady even with cancelled flights and exorbitant costs and the hotel change late in the game, did take a toll. The Hilton Garden Inn next to the Pontchartrain Center could not guarantee repairs by our event time, so we had the Hilton Airport Hotel as our host hotel which was a really nice hotel, but of course it was five miles from the PC and no free shuttle which presented more issues.

Our Welcome Reception was in the back lot of the Hilton Airport and was catered by Uncle Bills Catering. We had a shrimp boil under big tents and it was great. There was plenty of food and the day was a beautiful sunny 70 degrees, but we had a 40-mph wind that blew for 24 hours then turned back into a regular sunny day with no wind. We saw lots of flying shrimp tails and bowls and coats for that evening but, you have to laugh about it. It was a good time and everyone came for the food and had their fill.

The bus trip into the quarter was filled to capacity and we had a great driver, who knew exactly where we needed to be and made it really easy and safe for all of us. Due to a special friend we were able to get a large table at Felix's and again, the food did not disappoint. Those that wanted to come to the French Quarter, got their chance to experience New Orleans. We had a great time and everyone got back to the hotel and stopped in the lounge for late night cocktail and then off to bed for early morning judging.

The awards banquet was decorated with our Mardi Gras theme and the food from Messina Catering was great. Many guests commented on the good food and great hospitality. We had a member donate three special jewelry items with our show logo and NCRS logo on them and we had a drawing after dinner to give them to three lucky winners.

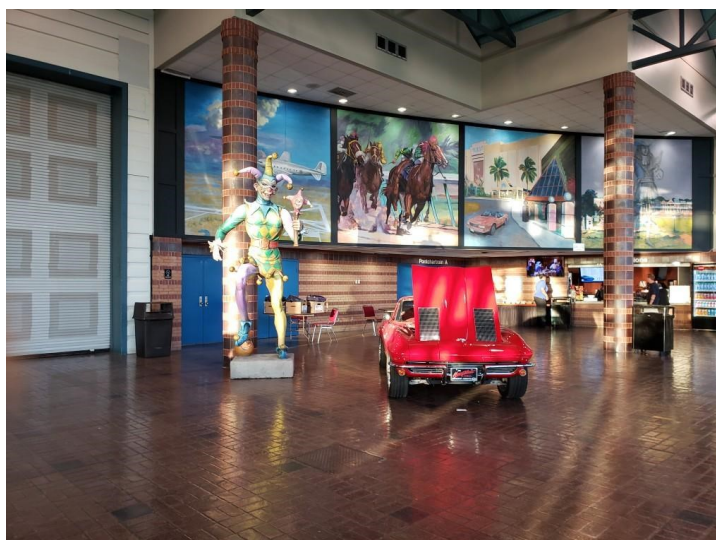
Ms. Glorie and Art McNay put on her \$5 raffle for the crowd. We had tons of fun with everyone participating in getting as many gifts as they could for their \$5 investment. Thanks to those two for making that long trip from California. We appreciate their devotion to NCRS.

Many thanks to all the volunteers and the judges for making this event another great regional for the Louisiana Chapter. It took a lot of work, but it was all worth it in the end. I hope if you came, you had fun and were proud of your Chapter putting on this Regional. Many NCRS members came up to us in Mobile to say what a great time they had in Louisiana. That makes it all worth it.

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NCRS National Convention - Mobile, AL July 24 - 28, 2022 By Cindy Rodriguez

Another successful convention and the easiest thing about it was it was only four hours from home. Usually we are flying or driving across the country, but this one was close. It was downtown Mobile with a great convention center directly across the street. The hotel was great, plenty of space and rooms were good. Downtown restaurants and shops were right outside the door with a short walk and I think everyone was satisfied with the accommodations. As usual, the first couple days, you are trying to get your bearings and by the end of the week, when you have figured out where everything is, its time to go home. We went to enjoy the week and I can say I had a great time relaxing.

The stats for the convention were 382 registrations and 665 total people. Cars were 120 registered but only 86 judged cars. Road tour was a total of 100 including our Canadian friends who finally got to come back to the US and do a road tour again. They have been missed these last couple years due to covid and Canadian law. The Sinclair's were all smiles for the week and we were glad they were there.

Many of our chapter members were in attendance and received recognition with awards at either the general membership meeting on Monday night or the banquet awards on Thursday. If I forgot someone, I am truly sorry but this is the list of awards I posted:

CAR AWARDS

PV - Jim Boudreaux and John Hopkins

Top Flight - Shaun Primeaux and Ken Walley

Dave Hill Award - Sherri Demmel

Founders Award - Randy Hebert

Sportsman Award - John Maggiore

Duntov Award - Tim Mickey

JUDGING AWARDS

Red Hat Award - Robert Leeds, Bill Folse and Darrel Suber

200 Level Awards - Jim Boudreaux, Steve Gansky, and Ken Walley

300 Level Awards - David Lefeaux and Russ Robbins

400 Level Awards - Mary Gulley, Gene Leonard and Harry Ledgerwood

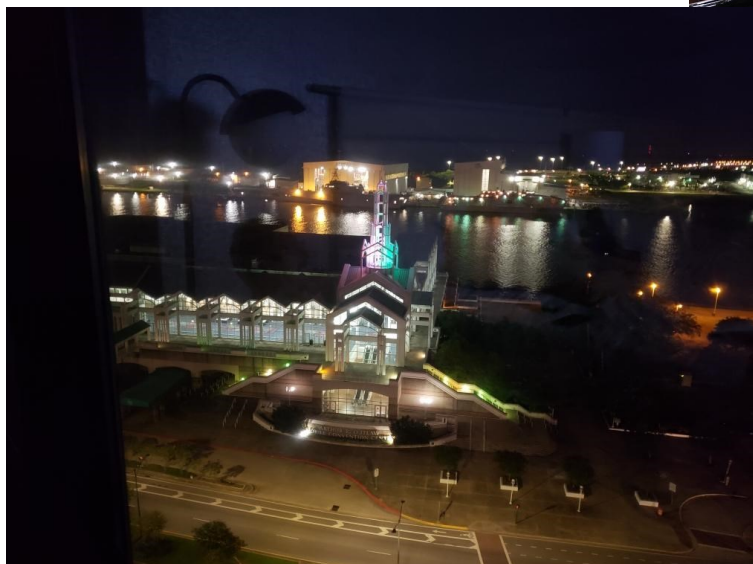
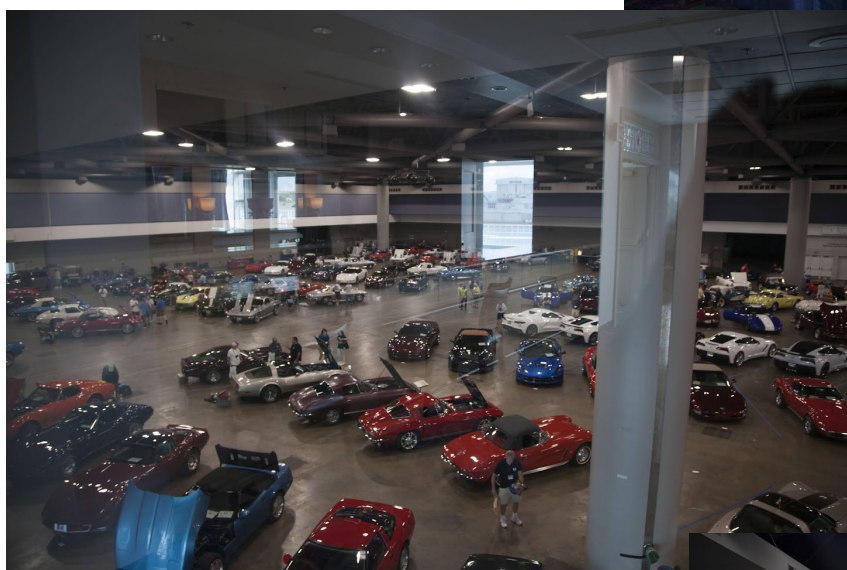
500 Level Awards - Dr. George Williams

Next time you see these guys be sure to you congratulate them on their accomplishments. It takes a lot of time, money and patience to achieve these levels and we are proud they are in our chapter.

Included below are a few pictures from the convention. To view all the pictures taken by Vinnie Peters, you can use this link:

[2022 National Convention, Mobile, AL - Google Photos](#)

NCRS National Convention - Mobile, AL July 24-28, 2022 (continued) By Cindy Rodriguez



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2022 NCRS Road Tour to Convention By John Maggiore

What better way to get to the 2022 NCRS National Convention in Mobile, Alabama than to join a road tour. From my house in Hammond, it is approximately 160 miles by driving I-12 and I-10, to Mobile. But, what fun is that. Instead, it would be a lot more fun to drive 350 miles to Longview, Texas to join the Texas road tour. Which is what Randy Hebert and I did. But, let's put this trip into perspective. Randy only lives 65 miles from Mobile. He drove from Gulf Breeze to Hammond, then we both drove our cars to Longview. Once in Longview, we met up with 9 other cars.



The tour left Longview on Thursday and traveled to Marshall, Texas to view the Gene Ponder automobile collection. Mr. Ponder has 14 air-conditioned buildings on his property packed with cars and memorabilia. The bulk of his collection is European cars; Ferrari, Porsche, Maserati, Aston Martin, MG, Bugatti, BMW, etc. The total collection is over 140 cars, motorcycles, and boats, and over 1,200 lots of automobilia. This is Mr. Ponder's third collection. It will be auctioned off in late September at no reserve, by RM Sotheby's.

2022 NCRS Road Tour to Convention (continued) By John Maggiore



One of Gene Ponder's Buildings



Inside one of the buildings. Mr. Ponder in black shirt

From Marshall, we stopped in Shreveport for lunch at a place called Crawdaddy's Kitchen. They specialized in Cajun and Creole seafood. Remember I said we joined the Texas road tour. These guys are used to eating steak and potatoes. They couldn't wait to order seafood for lunch. Afterwards, we made our way over to Vidalia, Louisiana where we spent the night on the Mississippi River. (From our hotel room, the river was no more than 50 feet away.) In Vidalia we were joined by 2 more cars.



Mississippi River viewed from Vidalia's hotel room

Friday morning, we left Vidalia via the Natchez Trace Parkway, and headed toward Meridian, Mississippi. On the way we stopped at numerous historic sights along the Parkway. We only stayed on the Parkway for about 45 miles. Which was plenty for me. The speed limit is only 50 mph. And come on, we **are** driving Corvettes. Lunch this day was at another place that served seafood, The Froghead Grill. After lunch we headed out for Meridian.

2022 NCRS Road Tour to Convention (continued) By John Maggiore



One of the stops along the Natchez Trace Parkway

Saturday morning, we left Meridian for the short drive over to Mobile. And, if you haven't figured it out yet, we stopped for lunch at yet another seafood restaurant, Wintzell's Oyster House. Here, I think the Texas crowd finally got their fill of seafood. After lunch we drove to Mobile to join the other 9 road tours for the Last Night Out.

By the time we got to Mobile, I traveled about 950 miles, Randy about 1170 miles. Remember, I only live 160 miles from Mobile, Randy about 65 miles. But, it was worth it.

If you ever have a chance to join an NCRS National Road Tour, do it. You won't regret it.



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LOUISIANA CHAPTER NCRS
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





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Maxie Rodriguez

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