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Louisiana Chapter
National Corvette Restorers Society



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Event Calendar

- 47th Annual Winter Regional
January 14-17, 2026 Melbourne, FL
- LA Chapter Spring Judging Meet
March 7, 2026 Metairie, LA
- Show Me Regional April 16-18, 2026
Springfield, MO
- PA Tri-State Regional June 4-6, 2026
Altoona, PA
- 2026 NCRS National Convention
July 26-30 Charleston, SC
- Texas Regional - October 22-24
Frisco, TX

Our Chairman's Message

Dear Members,

As this year draws to a close I hope everyone was able to enjoy their Corvette no matter if it was at a show and shine or a local cruise night or an out of town Regional. There is always something to do if you are looking to show off your ride.

The LA Chapter has made plans for a 2026 Spring Chapter Judging meet in Metairie. Mr. Wayne Leone hosted us in 2023 at his shop and has graciously invited us back to flight judge his 1967. We also have another car that has never been judged before. This should make for a good judging meet. The registration is online at [ncrs.org/coming events](https://ncrs.org/coming-events). Please go online to register as soon as possible so we can plan our event.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Drive safe and hope to see you in the near future at an NCRS event.

If you have not paid your 2026 chapter dues, now is the time. There is a form enclosed in this newsletter.

I sent out a chapter email about anyone having something to contribute to the newsletter to send it in, but Jim Haltom was my only response. He has a great article with pictures so please read that below.

I have written a few words about our NCRS trips this year to share with you. Give you something to think about for 2026.

Cindy Rodriguez

Chairman, Louisiana Chapter



National Corvette Restorers Society

NCRS CODE OF CONDUCT

Every year, and on an ongoing basis, the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) organizes and sponsors numerous judging, technical, social, and road tour events at local chapter, regional, and national levels.

The NCRS values all who participate in these events and is committed to providing equal opportunities for all participants. The NCRS is also committed to providing a welcoming, enjoyable, and harassment-free experience for all attendees at its events, including members, guests, staff, exhibitors, vendors, and speakers.

In order to facilitate these goals, the NCRS has adopted this binding Code of Conduct that applies to all attendees at all NCRS events over the duration of each event. The NCRS expects all members and other attendees to behave respectfully, ethically, honestly, and fairly with one another in accordance with this Code of Conduct.

Because the NCRS promotes a culture of integrity, honesty, equity and fairness, the NCRS will not condone or permit harassment in any form, whether physical or verbal, at its events. All attendees at NCRS events are expected to follow this Code of Conduct.

Failure to follow this Code of Conduct may result in expulsion from an event without refund, prohibition from attending future events, suspension of membership, or expulsion from the NCRS.

Show Me Regional, Springfield, MO - July 17-19, 2025

By Cindy Rodriguez

In July, Maxie and I loaded up the truck with Corvette parts and headed to Springfield, MO with a short over-night stop in Russellville, AR to visit with LA Chapter members, Steve and Denise Williamson. We swapped old stories and had a great visit. When we left, we took the “scenic” route to Springfield, and it was a beautiful experience. The ride was full of switchbacks and mountain views. We were almost the only ones on Hwy 7 for hours going through the Ozark National Forest. If you ever get a chance to ride up there either in a Corvette or on a Harley, it would be memorable.

Springfield was an indoor Convention Center, and it was a great facility. Lots of cars and plenty of room for all the parts vendors. They had a great turnout, and the 2026 Regional will be held there in April 16-18, 2026. We have already registered to go back. We had a great time and the sales we made were terrific.

Corvette Carlisle, Carlisle, PA - August 21-23, 2025

By Cindy Rodriguez

Another year, another long trip for the week. We loaded up the truck and small U-haul and left Lafayette on 8/17 and spent night north of Birmingham, AL. Next day we completed the 19-hour trip. It was a hard ride but totally worth it. This year we had a tent company erect a 20x20 tent for us which made things really easy for us to set up and sell our Corvette parts. The weather was great this year, a cool 75 degrees while back home it was 99 degrees. We love coming to see old friends and making new friends. This is the largest Corvette show in the country and it always is full of things “you need” and “things you don’t need but want”.

NCRS has a large display tent, the Gallery, full of special interest cars that people look forward to seeing every year.

This trip is another bucket list thing for all you guys. It is a long trip across 7 states but, it is a good trip and you see some beautiful scenery.

NCRS Convention, Las Vegas, NV - July 7-12, 2025

By Cindy Rodriguez

I really wasn’t excited about flying to Vegas again, but we haven’t missed a convention in years, so we were there. Southpoint Casino has plenty of things to see and do, if you like to gamble...not my thing, but NCRS makes it a fun week.

Since we flew, we didn’t bring parts to sell, but, we worked for NCRS. Maxie judged 67’s and I tabulated and worked odd jobs. We had a great night with the 1967 team at one of the Premier Steakhouses and it was fun listening to all the discussions of technical stuff and how to make the process better.

Several LA Chapter members were seen having a good time but, I won’t tell, cause “what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas” except if it is about NCRS Duntov and other great awards that members can brag about. Everyone will know what happened.

Don’t worry, NCRS is planning to return to Southpoint Casino again in a few years and you can check it out for yourself.

LA Chapter Judging Meet, Covington, LA - September 27, 2025

By Cindy Rodriguez

We had a great turnout for the LA Chapter Fall Judging Meet in Covington. Perfect weather and beautiful cars. As always, Nick and Jason Gristina were perfect hosts. We judged Nick's 63 and Kevin Talabock's 71 and they both received a Top Flight.

When we took a lunch break everyone got a chance to check out all the cars in the Gristina shop for sale. If you have never been to one of our chapter meets at their shop, you are missing out on seeing some of the kind of cars you will only see in private collections.

Thank you Gristina's for the hospitality and the support you show our chapter year after year.

Thanks to all the members who donated their time to judge these cars and spend the days with like-minded enthusiasts. Your support is essential in keeping our chapter active.



Texas Regional, Frisco, TX - October 23-25, 2025

By Cindy Rodriguez

Hitting the road again for Frisco, TX. This show is always a must-do. We loaded up the truck with Corvette parts and made the 6-hour trip. We always love this event because we get to see all our Texas friends again and the facility has it all in one place, hotel, vendor spaces, car show area, and banquet hall. If you never made this event, you should. They go out of their way to make everyone feel welcome.

The vendors always make great sales and the TX chapter has a fun raffle and silent auction items you can always take home.

Stainless Trim Repair & Polishing

By John Maggiore

Let me begin by saying, I am not a professional at this, only a hobbyist that likes doing as much as I can on my own cars. There are probably hundreds of videos showing different methods on repairing and polishing stainless. This is the method that I use. Stainless repair and polishing is a long drawn out process, it takes time and you cannot rush the process. I can easily spend hours on just one piece.

First you should clean your trim so that you can easily see the scratches and dent that are in the metal.

You will need a trim anvil and a small chisel hammer, a fine file, and 80, 150, 220, 320, 400, 600, 1000, and 2000 grit sandpaper. Additionally, you will probably need a flat blade screwdriver and an old wood chisel with the sharp edge ground down to a flat surface.

If the trim is dented, gently tap out the dent on the trim anvil. Next, file the area that you just removed the dent, with your file. This step will expose the high and low spots. If low, return to the anvil and hammer some more. For dents close to a folded edge, use the flat blade screwdriver to lift the edge so you can reach the dent with your chisel hammer. In areas where the hammer won't reach, you can use a chisel or small screwdriver to knock out the dent.



If there is a gouge and not a dent, use the chisel hammer to lightly tap out the damaged area. You will have to tap out the area so that it is raised higher than the rest of the trim surface, so that you can hammer it down and file the gouged area smooth.

After all of the dents have been removed, I will sand using 80 grit sandpaper over the filed areas to sand out the marks left by the file. I will then sand over the 80 grit sanding marks with 150 grit paper to sand out the 80 grit sanding marks.

Stainless Trim Repair & Polishing (continued)

By John Maggiore

Next, I will sand the entire piece with 220 grit paper. Then move to 320, 400, 600, 1000, and finally 2000 grit paper. Each finer grit of sandpaper sands out the previous grit's sanding marks. I have learned the hard way, that when you think your are finish with a particular grit of paper, grab another piece and sand again, and again, and again. After you sand with 2000 grit, you are ready for polishing.

I use a ½ hp buffing motor that accepts 6" buffing wheels. You can get larger motors that accept 8" or 10" wheels. When buffing you should only use the bottom edge of the wheel to prevent kick-back and damage to your trim piece.

The first wheel that I use is a sisal wheel. It is used for coarse cutting and removal of any scratches that may be left after the sanding process. Emery compound is used with this wheel. I move the trim piece in one direction, pushing not pulling against the wheel. You will need a good pair of gloves, a full-face shield, and I also wear an apron when polishing. I do the entire piece at least 3 times. Go slow, do not rush the process.



The next wheel I use is a spiral-sewn wheel for medium cutting. White stainless compound is used with this wheel. It is important **not** to contaminate your wheels. By this I mean do not use different compounds on the same wheel. It is important to clean your piece thoroughly before moving to the next wheel. Again, you should push the trim through the wheel. Do not pull it. And as before, I do the entire piece at least 3 time.

Finally, I use is a loosely-sewn wheel for final polishing. With this wheel I use a white rouge compound. I follow the same process used on the first two wheels, pushing not pulling the piece. When you are finished, you should have a brilliant mirror finish, dent free piece of trim.

1961 Corvette in North Mississippi

By James Haltom

I've had a busy November. Earlier this month I discovered a 1961 Corvette in north Mississippi. The car, VIN #10867S103970, was manufactured in December 1960 and delivered to a Chevrolet dealer, Mitchell Motors, in West Point, Mississippi. The car was purchased by the original owner, Charles Eudy, in early 1961 and was actively driven until 1973 when it was put into storage. Mr. Eudy died this summer, and the family needed the car removed from a large building on family land that was being sold. Thanks to the encouragement and invaluable assistance of fellow NCRS member, Ken Walley, I was able to acquire the car. It took Ken and me about 3 hours just to clear out all the material around the car, then another hour to put the car in Ken's trailer for transport.

The numbers matching car is sateen silver with a red interior and is "in the rough" but largely original. The motor is the base 283 cu in 230 hp with a 4-speed and positive traction rear end. The only other accessories are an AM radio and heater. The car has a trailer hitch and routinely towed a fishing boat to Grenada Lake in north Mississippi. As you can see in the pictures, the Corvette was also used for deer hunting.



1961 Corvette in North Mississippi (continued)

By James Haltom



Thankfully, the car had a crankcase full of oil and plenty of antifreeze in the radiator. The motor turns over easily, but all the hoses and the single belt need to be replaced. My plan is to leave the car largely as found but get the engine, brakes, transmission, etc. in running order and put the car back on the road. It will be a fun project. Like my 1963 coupe that had been in a Kentucky barn for 25- years, this car found me.

Ken Walley remains my hero!

Jim Haltom
NCRS #72811





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Note: National NCRS Membership is required. If you do not know your number, enter "yes" but submit the number as soon as available to complete application.

CORVETTES YOU OWN			
Year	Body Style & Special Options	Color	Engine & Transmission

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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

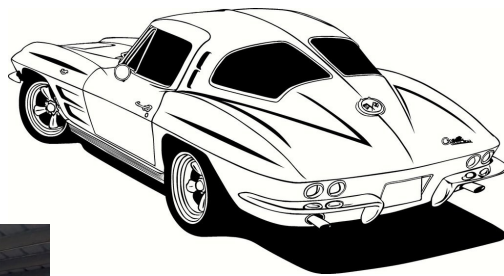
- **1R** Host a Chapter Judging Meet
- **2R** Conduct a Chapter Technical Seminar
- **3R** Conduct a Chapter Judging School
- **4R** Conduct a Chapter Membership Meeting
- **5R** Conduct a Chapter Charitable Event (does not have to be Corvette related)
- **6R** Conduct a Chapter Road Tour
- **7R** Have 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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