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Chairman's Column

By: Ed Di Napoli

While the summer like weather makes it feel like we have a long way to go until fall, however the fall season is indeed here. This means we have about one month before we start thinking about putting the Corvettes away for the dreaded winter. But the month of October has many car events that will keep us busy, and remove the thought of winter for a short time. Here are some of the events that the Chapter will participate in October.

On October 3 we will be involved in the Monmouth County Concourse d'Elegance. Chapter Members will be parking show cars and displaying NCRS information, and doing a Judging Demonstration. This is a very worthwhile charitable event for children, which will give our members a chance to enjoy some of the nicest old cars in the state, while giving back to the community. If interested send Howard Welch an email, hkWelch@comcast.net. Several members have entered their Corvettes in the Show.

The Del Val Chapter will be conducting their 35th Annual Run for the Ribbons, Oct 11th in Westchester, PA. Our Chapter has always supported our friends and neighbors to the west with judges. If you would like to Judge at their show, contact Elaine Raisner at 212 675 4299.

Mark Rudnick will be conducting a C3 Judging School, using a rare 72 LT 1 Air Condition Corvette on October 25th. For those of you who are chasing judging points, this event will award 1 point. If you are interested in attending contact Mark, mrudnick77@aol.com.

Keep your eyes on the Chapter Events on our web site, as we have some additional events that are still in the planning stage.

Some of the notable occurrences over the summer included the National Convention. The National was a good distance away this year in Denver Colorado. Several of us did the Road Tour and had a magnificent time. The sights and attractions were too numerous to list, but the Pikes Peak experience was something I will never forget. I am a firm believer in: NCRS Road Tours, and See the USA in your Chevrolet, is something every Corvette owners should do. The National presented the Chapter with its 16th successive Top Flight Award. We also received recognition for donations to the NCRS Foundation Scholarship Fund. I have not seen any attendance numbers for the Convention, but it seemed to be about average in the number of cars and members attending. We will see how good my eye is when the numbers are published. The Rocky Mountain Chapter did a terrific job organizing this National. If you attended our Annual Picnic at Jim and Dottie Loughlin's home, you know what a nice time everyone had. Dottie and Jim's food presentation was among the best yet, Bob Zimmerman did his usual thorough job on a C4 Judging School, and the Chapter celebrated its 20th Birthday. Many thanks go to Jim and Dottie for their hospitality and their extraordinary efforts to make this a memorable Annual Chapter event.

Our Chapter Show at Princeton Chevrolet went off very well. Mark Sabel and his team, showed their generosity to the chapter; offering their beautiful new facility, with a delicious lunch and refreshments. Jerry and Keith were there very early and all day to take care of any requests. A big THANK YOU to Mark and his team. We had 14 Judged Corvettes, while judges and tabulators are always in high demand, we were giving awards out by 3:30 PM. I need to thank all the Judges and Tabulators for all their hard work and coming to our event. Vito did an outstanding job, getting all our data into the National Data Base, aligning all the judges, award and judging documents. This is the first time Vito has run a Chapter Meet in many years. I think he was surprised on how the technology has changed. I would also like to thank Ralph Greer for running the registration, Mark Rudnick for coordinating the parking, Joe Bardon for organizing the food and Pat Fullam for photographing the event. Without everyone's involvement it would be impossible to pull off a great show. Thanks to all. The Dealership generated some additional excitement with new 2016 Corvettes in the Showroom. I saw several members drooling over the beautiful new Z06 Convertible. If you are interested a new or used car, give Princeton Chevrolet a chance to give you a great deal and show your appreciation for their dedication to the Chapter.

Our October 16th Business Meeting will be at the Hightstown Elks at 8:00 PM. Please come and help with the 1st nomination of Officers. Your Board is always open to and interested in members who would like to get involved at the Board level or in any other way. Please let your desires known to any Board Member and they will help you get involved. All member involvement is the only way for any organization to stay healthy. Have a great fall season and hope to see you at our October meeting.

Ed

Meet the Members

By: Guy Vandervliet

Take this opportunity to get to know one of our members who does a great deal of work behind the scenes by handling the registration function for our shows. Meet Ralph Greer:

Ralph says he was 14 years old, playing pony league ball when at a teammate's house he got to see a '57 or '58' Vette. It was love at first sight and a commitment to one day have one....or more than one. His first actual ride was when he bought his first Vette, a 1962 which he bought in 1968. This car was Honduras Maroon with black interior, 4 speed and quite original.

Ralph says that after selling the '62, he said to himself "Once I retire, I am going to buy another Corvette." After being retired for a few years, he remembered that promise he had made to himself and that was enough to set Ralph on his search. That search led to his 1992 C4 which he found right in East Brunswick, not far from his home. His '92 is Polo Green with beige interior and has been accorded a NCRS Top Flight, been in the NCRS Gallery at Carlisle and won an award at the Monmouth County Fair. Ralph still drives the '92 and stores it in a garage, thanks to his son, Bryan. More recently Ralph bought a 2004 roadster that is Machine Silver with a black interior, and has a 6-speed transmission.

Ralph has enjoyed being a part of our NCRS group, meeting many Vette people and learning more with each show or meeting. Ralph calls himself a "rookie C4 judge" and looks forward to continuing the learning and judging process as well as enjoying driving his Vettes. Ralph has lived in East Brunswick for 37 years and retired as Director of Merchandise for Pathmark Deli and Floral Divisions. You will see Ralph at Corvette and other car events throughout the area and he is also an avid fisherman.



WHAT DO THOSE GREASE PENCIL MARKINGS MEAN ON MY C4?

By: Pat Fullam

When I was preparing my 1995 Corvette for its first Flight Judging at the Mason/Dixon Chapter Meet I noticed some yellow and red grease pencil markings on my Corvette. Having partially restored three mid-years I knew that they were placed on the respective locations at the factory for some specific reason. But what did these markings mean?

I located markings under the air filter assembly (below) and on the rear of the ABS box under the body just aft of the driver side seat area (bottom).



I also located markings on the spare tire when I dropped it for inspection and cleaning.

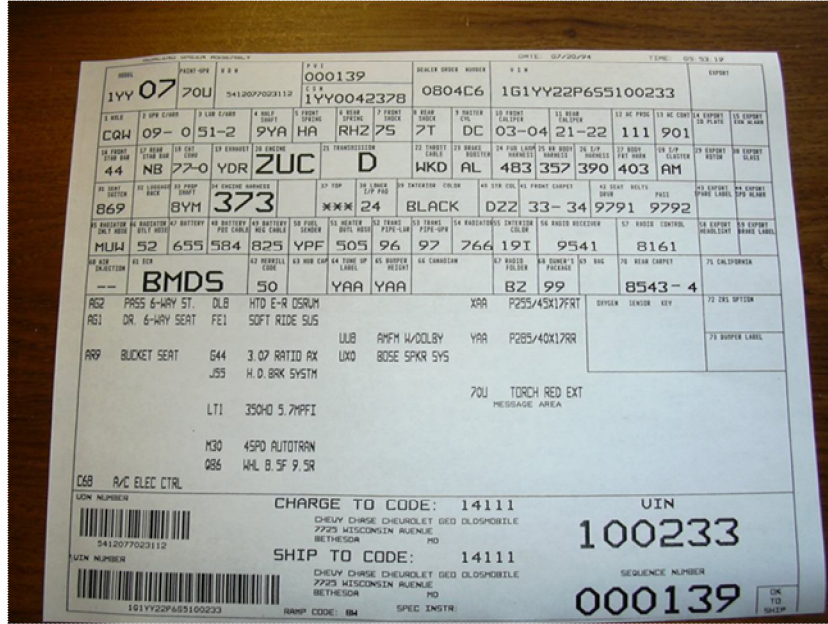


What did all these markings mean? It appeared that they were related as the last two numbers were the same – 39 and the third number was 139. I had no idea what they meant until I happened to look at my build sheet that I obtained from the National Corvette Museum. Located on the lower right corner were two numbers that solved the mystery. One was the VIN Number and the other was the Sequence Number.

I subsequently located one of my original build sheets on the gas tank. These build sheets are not glued as were earlier ones, but they were secured under the mounting straps. The only way you can obtain this build sheet intact is to loosen the straps. I know that there are at least two other locations on the Corvette that the build sheet was stashed, but that is for another article. I am of the humble opinion that the build sheet should be part of the Flight Judging documents as it answers a lot of the questions relating to what was original equipment from the factory. I am enclosing a photo of the location of the build sheet and no this is not my Corvette.



Below is a copy of the build sheet for my 1995 Corvette with a build date of August 4, 1994. It was first entered into the system on July 20, 1994 as seen by the date on the upper right hand side. It was one of the first 1995 Corvettes assembled at the Bowling Green Plant. The last three numbers of the VIN were 233 and also shown was the Sequence Number that had the last three digits of 139.



It appeared that the markings on my Corvette were related to the Sequence Number assigned by the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. But why were the VIN and Sequence Numbers different? Further research determined that the first VIN number -000001 for the 1995 Corvette was assigned in April 1994. The factory would assemble early models of the upcoming year model for testing and research. I later determined that the Bowling Green Assembly Plant produced the last 1994 on July 29, 1994. This was a Friday and the plant reopened on August 1, 1994 to begin production of the 1995 model. I also learned that 94 1995 VINS had been assigned by July 31, 1994. As I previously stated my Corvette has an exact build date of August 4, 1994. This exact build date is not located on the build sheet but was provided from a different General Motors Data Base that has subsequently been discontinued.

Took me a bit, but I got it. Looks like August the 4th.

VIN	1G1YY22P655100233		
VEHICLE BUILD			
Merchandising Model :	1YY07		
Gross Vehicle Weight Rating :	1712 kg (3775 lb)	Order Number :	0804C6
Build Date :	08/04/1994	Build Plant :	1SSY - BOWLING GREEN

I do know the last 94 rolled off the line on July the 29th. Now we need to establish how long the plant was down for model changeover. Digging for info now !

Tom

Funny to have a 1995 Corvette and all the parts have date codes prior to August 1994, except for one. This is one of those cases where a part has a date code almost a month after the build date code. Judges are you paying attention. This exception on my Corvette caused some discussion with the C4 Judges and the National Judging Chairman. I determined that even though my 1995 Corvette has a build date of August 4, 1994, two of the shocks have a build date for the third week of August 1994. How did this occur you ask? I have documentation that my Corvette was not shipped from the Bowling Green Assembly plant until September 1, 1994. Then it remained unsold at a Dealership until it was sold on January 2, 1996, yes 1996. Seventeen months between assembly date and sale date. The original owner thought that he was purchasing a left over 1995 Corvette. Luckily the Dealership had no outside lot and my Corvette started its life inside for the first 17 months.

Took me a while, but I found it. Here ya go !! Invoiced 8-29 Shipped 9-1. Looks like it did get held in the plant for a while !!

VIN :	1G1YY22P6S5100233		
INVOICE INFORMATION			
Invoice Date :	08/29/1994		
Site Address :	CHEVY CHASE CHEVROLET OLDSMOBILE	Selling Source :	13 - CHEVROLET
	7725 WISCONSIN AVE	Site Code :	14111
	BETHESDA , MD 20814-3521 (301) 657-4000	Business Associate Code :	113650
SHIP-TO INFORMATION			
Ship-To Date :	09/01/1994		
Site Address :	CHEVY CHASE CHEVROLET OLDSMOBILE	Selling Source :	13 - CHEVROLET
	7725 WISCONSIN AVE	Site Code :	14111
	BETHESDA , MD 20814-3521 (301) 657-4000	Business Associate Code :	113650

I am fortunate that I was able to retrieve all the documentation concerning this situation from a friend at a Chevrolet Dealership and the original owner who maintained every piece of documentation right down to the original odometer statement. What this meant was that even though my 1995 Corvette had a VIN of 233 it was the 139th 1995 unit produced by the Bowling Green Assembly Plant during the official model year starting August 1994. If you subtract 94 preproduction 1995 VINS from my VIN of 233 you obtained the sequence number of 139. Sounds good doesn't it. It appears that I am on to something. However, I have found that I could not reconcile later 1995 model spreads between the VIN and the Sequence Number. For whatever reason the spread became larger. One reason may be the insertion of the ZR1 which has a different VIN sequence. I am still researching this issue. I have been told, but have not seen, that there are other Sequence Markings located on the C4s. Any comments or observations would be greatly appreciated.



Some Images of Corvettes at Carlisle 2015

Photos Courtesy of Pat Fullam



Business Meeting Minutes		May 18, 2015
Ed DiNapoli	Chairman (in attendance)	
Howard Welch	Vice-Chairman (in attendance)	
Joe Bardon	Co Vice-Chairman	
Richard Vaughan	Treasurer (in attendance)	
Pat Addonizio	Secretary (in attendance)	
Vito Cimilluca	Judging Chairman (in attendance)	

The business meeting scheduled for May 18, 2015 held at the Hightstown Elks Club was called to order at 8:07 pm. The number in attendance was 18.

The agenda was to address the following:

- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Vice Chairman's Report
 - Chapter events for 2015
- Judging Chairman's Report
 - Chapter meet
 - Remaining tech sessions for 2015
 - Hosting a regional
- Chapter's new business
 - Chapter apparel
 - Changes to winter meetings
 - Charitable donations for 2015

The meeting opened with Ed thanking those in attendance for coming.

The secretary was called upon to read the minutes from the January meeting. They were accepted as read.

Richard began the treasurer's report with the stating balance in our regional account of \$20,184.05. The balance in our operating account started at \$2,023.73 and ended with \$1,686.22. The decrease of \$337.51 was the result of the accounting fees paid for filing the chapter's tax return off set by some membership dues collected. The PayPal checking account balance remains unchanged at \$100. The Treasures report was accepted as read.

Howard was then called upon to give the Vice Chairman's report. Howard discussed the following scheduled events for 2015. A day trip road tour to Callaway Cars on June 20th. The tour will begin at the Woodbridge Community Center at 8:00 am. The tour will stop at the last service area on the Parkway to pick up members joining from the north. Once in Connecticut the tour will stop for lunch and arrive at Callaway around 1:00 pm. August 8th will be the chapter's annual picnic. Our chapter meet will be held on September 20th. The chapter will participate in a charitable Concours d'Elegance event on October 3rd. Chapter members that attend the event will be asked to volunteer to assist with parking. The chapter will also conduct a clinic on understanding the principals of NCRS judging. The last event of the year will be our holiday brunch on December 13th at KC Prime Steakhouse.

Vito gave the judging chairman's report. Our chapter meet is scheduled for September 20th. There are currently no limitations on the number of cars that can register per class. Vito will be reaching out to all of the local chapters and ask for volunteer judges. In addition to the paper registration form, which will be published in the next issue of the Driveline Magazine, the chapter will test the waters and use the online registration from the National. The 97-99 level will not be an option on the registration form. Judging for these cars will begin after the National in July, which is when the judging manuals will be available. Because of the short amount of time to prepare to judge these cars for our meet, anyone who requests to have their car judged will be offered a separate judging session at a chapter level in October. This will allow us to have more time to be prepared. The next tech session will be held at an offsite location in June. Details of the event will be sent as soon as they are finalized. Vito is also trying to arrange a tech session at a carburetor shop in October. Lou was then asked to give an update on the regional committee's meeting for a 2017 meet held on May 10th. Some of the challenges discussed were funding the event, location, hotels and dates. Ed recommended using 50 cars based on the turnout at other recent regional events. The committee discussed sponsorships because of the low revenue from the number of cars being judged. Lou had contacted Jeff Cruz, who runs the Concours D'Elegance event, for suggestions and guidance on running the event with sponsorships. Prior to tonight's meeting, Ed asked Richard to put together a P & L based on 50 cars being judged and the expenses from our last regional. Richard reported that based on this information the regional event would create a loss of \$5000. Ed agreed that for the chapter to successfully host a regional meet, the chapter would need to have sponsorship for the event. Ed asked Vito to reach out to Kerbeck Chevrolet to see if they had any interest in assisting our chapter.

Ed opened the discussion on new business. He reminded members that the chapter's apparel was on display during tonight's meeting. Orders would be taken at the end of the meeting for those interested. Ed advised the members that in order to ease the burden of traveling to the meetings in January, February and March the meetings would take place on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. The amount for charitable donations will remain the same for 2015, which is 20% of our operating budget. Since the budget had not been finalized, the actual dollar amount will be discussed at a later meeting. Tentatively the charities will remain the same as last year The National Corvette Museum, The Chip Miller Foundation and The National Foundation. Ed asked the members in attendance if anyone had any suggestions that could be taken under consideration. Two suggestions were made, The Make a Wish Foundation and Wounded Warriors. Ed advised the members that the funds are limited but these organizations would be considered. Ed expressed his interest in having the chapter attend a car club show as a group. A few clubs and events were suggested. Ed said he would pick an event later in the year and

and notify everyone via email for those interested in attending. Ed then opened the floor for general discussions and the member contribution for the hall rental fee was collected.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Addonizio #54404
Secretary Central NJ NCRS

Upcoming C3 Judging Clinic

The chapter will be conducting a judging clinic on Sunday, October 25th from 9:00 a.m. till noon at the home of David Zimmerman 20 Wedewood Ct. Monroe, N.J. 08831.

We will break into judging teams and judge David Zimmerman's 1972 air conditioned LT-1 coupe. Once again, David is providing us with an opportunity to judge a fairly rare Corvette. Out of a three year production run (1970, 1971 & 1972) of 4,977 LT-1 Corvettes only 240 were equipped with R.P.O. C-60 air conditioning.

As always, coffee, donuts and lunch will be served.

Please email Mark Rudnick at mrudnick77@aol.com if you plan on attending.





NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S COLUMN

By: Bob Zimmerman

No Message this Issue



MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

By: Rich Vaughan

Most of the 2015 year is behind us. It will soon be time for you to send in 2016 Dues. It will remain the same at \$30.00. As you all know, dues remittances are expected to be in by the end of January. With the new form developed in 2015 by the National, there is a place to record dues sent in for up to three years at a time (2015, 2016, 2017). This allows you to begin sending in your money at any time, what ever is easiest for you. Ed Ryan is the only member that has already paid his dues through 2017. Thanks Ed. Our Membership for 2015 totaled 56.

Timely remittance allows the chapter to maintain a working Operating Budget throughout the year to accomplish our goals. For the year 2015, we were proud to donate a total of \$800 to The Chip Miller Charitable Foundation, The National Corvette Museum, and The NCRS Foundation, out of a total income of \$2565 through September for the Chapter.



JUDGING CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By: Vito Cimilluca

The chapter hosted a very successful judging event last month at Princeton Chevrolet in Lawrenceville. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the car owners who registered for flight judging as well as the chapter members who judged and our sister chapters for helping out with the judging. There were a total of 14 cars entered for flight judging 13 of which earned top flight awards and 1 second flight. A total of 5 display cars were present, a Bow Tie, 2 Duntov and 2 Crossed Flags

Thanks also to our tabulation team for their hard work. Tabulation was completed and flight ribbons were awarded at 3:30 p.m.

Central New Jersey Chapter Judging Event

The Central New Jersey Chapter conducted its annual chapter judging event at Princeton Chevrolet in Lawrenceville on Sunday September 20th. Despite some cloudy weather in the morning the skies turned blue after lunch. There were fourteen Corvettes presented for flight judging representing the first four generations of production. Thirteen cars earned Top Flight ribbons and one earned a Second Flight. Five Corvettes were entered for display representing a Bow Tie display, two Duntov displays and two Crossed Flag displays.





CNJ's Road Tour , C-4 Tech Seminar & Chapter Picnic

August 8th marked another day of beautiful weather ideal for summer Corvette activities. Several road tours were established for chapter members coming from the northern counties and one for the southern ending at Jim and Dot Loughlin's Mendham home, site of the annual Central New Jersey Chapter Picnic. The road tours arrived at 10:00a.m. and shortly thereafter C-4 Team Leader Bob Zimmerman conducted a Judging Clinic on locating casting numbers and dates and the VIN derivative on LT-1 engines. The seminar was well attended. The balance of the day was spent enjoying a wonderful hot buffet lunch by the pool for the membership and their significant others. Once again, Jim & Dot Loughlin's generous hospitality was evident throughout the day. Thank you Jim & Dot for a memorable event!



Photos Courtesy of Paula Atamanchuk



ITEMS FOR SALE/WANTED

ALL ITEMS ARE ORIGINAL UNLESS NOTED. PHOTOS WILL BE FORWARDED UPON REQUEST PRIOR TO SALE OR ITEMS WILL BE BROUGHT TO NEXT MEETING OR TECH SESSION. IF AN ITEM HAS TO BE SHIPPED, THE ADDITIONAL SHIPPING COST WILL BE INCURRED BY THE PURCHASER.

- 1957 - CHEVROLET GUIDE AND MAINTENANCE BROCHURE. - \$15.00
- 1963 - CORVETTE SHOP MANUAL - \$25.00
- 1964 - CHEVROLET RADIO - SERVICE SHOP MANUAL - INCLUDES CORVETTE. - \$15.00
- 1964 - CORVETTE SHOP MANUAL - SUPPLEMENT. - \$15.00
- 1965 - CORVETTE SHOP MANUAL - SUPPLEMENT. - \$15.00
- 1968 - CORVETTE OWNER'S MANUAL - PRINTED AUGUST 1967. - \$15.00
- 1975-77 CORVETTE TECHNICAL INFORMATION MANUAL & JUDGING GUIDE. BRAND NEW, NEVER BEEN USED. \$25.00
- 1977 - CORVETTE ASSEMBLY MANUAL, WITH BINDER - \$15.00
- 1992 - FACTORY SERVICES MANUALS (BOTH VOLUMES) - \$45.00
- C4 REMOVABLE TOP PANEL TORQUE WRENCH- HAS CORVETTE EMBOSSED ON HANDLE. - \$20.00
- WHITE NCRS BINDER-CONTAINS CORVETTE RESTORER -BEST OF VOLUME ONE, CORVETTE RESTORER -SUMMER 1975 VOLUME 2, NUMBER 1 TO SPRING 1978 VOLUME 4, NUMBER 4. - \$45.00
- WHITE NCRS BINDER- CONTAINS CORVETTE RESTORER - SUMMER 1978 VOLUME 5, NUMBER 1 TO FALL 1979 VOLUME 6, NUMBER 2, CORVETTE NEWS APR/MAY 79, DEC/JAN 1980, and APR/MAY 1980. - \$30.00
- EARLY NCRS SINGLE PAGE CLASSIFIED AD LISTINGS. - \$5.00
- EARLY NCRS 1956/57 SURVEY. - \$5.00
- NCRS DRIVELINES - 7-9-10-11. 1979 AND 1980. -\$5.00.
- 1995, 1996, 1997 AND 1998 - CORVETTE SPECIALIST BOOKS-GIVEN TO CORVETTE SALESMAN TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH THE NEW CORVETTE. SPIRAL WIRE BOUND-\$25.00 PER YEAR.
- 1997 CORVETTE SALESMAN TRAINING PRODUCTS- GIVEN TO CORVETTE SALESMAN FOR REFERENCE, INCLUDES WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS AND VIDEO. - \$30.00
- SPARE TIRE CARRIER, SPARE TIRE AND BRACKETS FOR LATE C4. THESE ITEMS CAME FROM A 1994 ZR1 AND ARE IN GOOD SHAPE. BELIEVE THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LT1 AND ZR1. WANT TO SELL AS A PACKAGE BUT WILL SEPARATE. \$125.00.
- Almost NOS 1995 AC Rochester Air Filter. Has date code of 5A12N-This converts to 5-1995, A-January, 12-12th day of the month, N-Night Shift. This is the real deal for Flight Judging for a 1995 with a build date of January 1995 or later. No deductions on this air filter. \$125.00
- 1994-96 Rims and Tires- These rims have been repainted and are in good shape for street use. They are not for judging purposes other than they are the correct rims for 1994-96. The front tires are in good shape (P255/45/ZR17) and the rear tires need to be replaced. \$425.00.
- 1997-99 Perfect Rims (Wagon Wheels) with Brand New (Less than 200 Miles) Nitto NT 555 Tires-P245/45/ZR17 89W (Front) P275/40/ZR18 103W (Rear). These Rims will also bolt right up to the late C4 model without any modification or spacer. \$750.00

Top part of the 1993 40th Anniversary Snap On Tool Box. In excellent shape. \$425.00

PAT FULLAM- 609-268-7603--FULASSOC@COMCAST.NET

CNJ CHAPTER MEMBER INFORMATION

NCRS # Check DUES for 2015_____ 2016_____

NAME Member SPOUSE/ Other

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

E-MAIL

JUDGING INTEREST

CORVETTE INFORMATION CHANGES - YEAR, MODEL, COLOR

I hereby state that I am a member in good standing of NCRS, Inc. and that I agree to abide by the NCRS and CNJ Chapter bylaws.

Signature

Date

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