

# High Plains Shifter



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**Chairman's Report**  
By Rick Reiff

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Greetings fellow RMC members. By now you should have received a broadcast email from me regarding our annual elections. As indicated in the ballot we are voting on the Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Activities, Judging, and Merchandise board of director positions, which take effect on January 1, 2022 for a two-year term. I would

like to say thanks to Jeff Roth, Jack Humphrey, Martin Eagan, and Eckhard Poboda for stepping up and willing to run for Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Judging, and Merchandise, respectively. You will notice that we are missing a member to fill the Activities position. Our current Activities chair, Jeff Roth, is running for the Vice Chairman position after serving three 2-year terms in his current position, stepping in for Jim Lennartz, who has decided after serving three 2-year terms in that position (and several years as an assistant judging chair prior to that) to step down from the board.

The NCRS Chapter Guidelines & Operations Manual suggests officers of a chapter serve no more than three years in any one office. I believe the NCRS thinks that it is good to have officer turnover (think term limits) at the chapter level. I tend to agree, however we haven't had much turnover. We've been fortunate to have members move from position to position (think Jack Humphrey going from judging to treasurer, or Steve Beatty from treasurer to membership, or Eckhard Poboda from chairman to merchandise). You see the trend here? With Jerry Fearn and Martin Eagan stepping up we have a couple of first timers to the board. However, it would be good to have someone new to the board fill the vacant Activities position.

Whoever fills the Activities position will have help with coordinating events and coming up with ideas for Chapter get togethers. Each

**May 15:**

Tech Session, C3 Wind-  
shield Replacement,  
Via Zoom

**June 19:**

Spring Road Trip TBA

year the board convenes to discuss the upcoming year's activities. In some cases, it's reaching out to Jim Lennartz, Jack Humphrey, and/or Dirk Gaddis to see if they have an idea for a tech session, which typically fills three or more slots on the calendar in a given year. We've been spoiled by the great job Jeff Roth has done the last five and a half years and Jeff has committed to helping the new Activities chair with assuming the associated duties. So, with support from the board and help from Jeff the new Activities chair won't be acting alone in helping coordinate RMC events. As such, if any of you are interested in being part of the board and being more involved with Chapter, please reach out to me or one of your board members.

In closing, I would like to thank all past and present board members for helping make my job as Chairman easier than what I thought when I first assumed the position. I would also like to thank all you Chapter members for your continued support and participation in Chapter events.

All the best,  
Rick Reiff, Chair



Activities  
by Jeff Roth

**We will help anyone that steps forward to take the Activities job.**

Gee, not much to report with regards to activities. No big surprise there. Most of our activities had been socially distanced road tours over the summer and winter puts the kibosh on that. No Holiday party this year, but the next one is scheduled for January 8, 2022. In February we had a social Zoom meeting. It was an open forum and I think those that tuned in enjoyed just chatting and seeing other people with out masks. March, we had a judging school which John will talk about in his article. April is our annual meeting where we vote on Board members. Since I need a break from Activities I am not signing up for another term. I have twisted a few arms unsuccessfully to replace me, but have come up short so far. I have enjoyed the past six years and I'm very appreciative of my spouse Diane sharing the co-chairing duties with me. We will help anyone that steps forward to take the Activities job.

Jeff Roth  
Activities



Membership Report  
by Steve Beatty

**Please extend a welcome to these new members at a future event/meeting.**

We have started the year with the following new members:  
67546 Bob Gates 1965  
67542 Ce (Skip) Sowards 1969  
67615 John Standish ????

Please extend a welcome to these new members at a future meeting. With these new members, our current membership is at 131 members.  
REMINDER, you must be a current member of National NCRS to be a member of RMC.

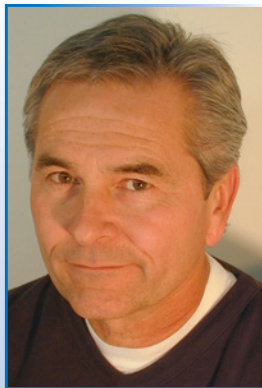
A member's NCRS membership expiration date can be found on the mailing label of the Driveline/Restorer. The NCRS has the capability to track RMC current year memberships +2 years, which currently is through the year 2023.

Chapter notices are generally sent out via email using the addresses contained on the National NCRS member email database. Accordingly, please make sure your National NCRS profile email address is always up to date to avoid missing Chapter news. Here is a link to your member profile:  
<https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/change-address.php>  
Due to the corona virus and mandates by the CDC and State of Colorado that require social distancing, many of our meetings and activities may be postponed and/or cancelled. For this reason, the NCRS has once again cancelled the Chapter Top Flight Program for 2021.

RMC Chapter membership directories are now available upon request by emailing me at [stingraycpa@hotmail.com](mailto:stingraycpa@hotmail.com). Please keep in mind that the list is confidential and is not to be shared with non-members.

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**Editor's Corner**  
By Dennis Dalton

Please read the information below sent to all chapters from the national board. In addition, the Rocky Mountain chapter board members have sent a donation to national to help with the convention due to issues related to the pandemic. If you would personally like to donate to help defray costs of the national convention, you may do so through John Tidwell, PO 2080 Penn Valley, CA 95946.

By the time you read this , you may want to check the national web site, as there may be a link button to donate there as well.

Dennis, ED



Dear Chapter Chairs,  
I am writing to update you on the NCRS Convention and to request your help in getting the word out to your members that the Convention is on. I would ask that you share my note below with your Chapter members. Feel free to add your own personal message to encourage your members to register for and attend the Convention.  
Thank you for your help.  
Mike

*NCRS Members,*  
*I thought perhaps a brief update on our Convention in Palm Springs this July might prompt some of you to get off the fence. The NCRS Board is proceeding on the basis that the Convention will happen as planned. John Tidwell and I met with the Renaissance Hotel and Palm Springs Convention Center staff in mid-March to confirm some details and see how they are handling compliance with COVID-19 restrictions. We came away from those meetings feeling very positive about the Convention. The day after our meetings, the Palm Springs area moved into California's "red" tier, permitting limited indoor dining at restaurants once again, and as of today the area is poised to move into the "orange" tier. Barring a significant reversal in the COVID-19 trends here in California, we expect continued progress into even less restrictive tiers by July. If you have taken a "wait and see" attitude we certainly understand, but you risk nothing out of pocket by making your hotel reservation, and if you register for the Convention and then decide not to attend, your monies will be refunded promptly. The Convention is going to happen and I am looking forward seeing many of you in Palm Springs.*  
Mike



**Judging Chair**  
by John Marsico

**Feedback given so far has indicated that the presentation was well received.**

I am happy to report my first virtual judging school, and the RMC chapter's very first virtual judging school, was a strong success. The school was held on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Sixty three NCRS members from all areas of the United States and Canada attended. The school's purpose was to serve as a refresher for seasoned members and a foundation for newer members to the NCRS. The topics included the history, mission and standards of the NCRS, the flight judging system, as well as other NCRS judging categories. In addition, the topic of how to become an NCRS judge was discussed along with the various recognition awards NCRS judges may attain.

The NCRS Flight Judging System was discussed in some detail covering the all-important topics of preservation, restoration and counterfeit. The goal was to clearly define the differences among these three critical elements of the flight judging system. To better understand the differences among these three elements, the judging of originality, operations and condition was detailed. The important originality judging concept of Configuration, Date, Completeness, Installation and Finish, or more commonly known as CDCIF, was explained using visual examples.

The final topic of the school was an explanation of the various NCRS awards that are offered including what the pre-requisites are for each award. The school concluded with a short question and answer session. Feedback given so far has indicated that the presentation was well received and that the goals for the school were achieved.



**File photo, ED**





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## Museum Highlights: New Exhibits and Vettecadamy

### NEW MUSEUM CELEBRITY EXHIBIT

The National Corvette Museum's new Stars and Cars exhibit is now on display in the Skydome. The featured cars include George Jones' 1978 Corvette and Roy Orbison's 1967 Corvette Sting Ray. Along with their shared love for music, Jones and Orbison loved their Corvettes. With this exhibit, the Museum honors the legacy of these two amazing musicians. In the words of Director of Collections/Curator, Derek Moore, these Corvettes "help us talk about the cross-cultural impact that the Corvette has. It is an affordable car that the masses can purchase, but it

is also a car that celebrities own, love and drive.



George Jones and Roy Orbison's Corvettes "STARS AND CARS" Exhibit

**GEORGE JONES' CORVETTE** The National Corvette Museum unveiled a newly acquired Corvette that is the first celebrity-owned car in the collection. The 1978 two-tone Corvette was special ordered by Country music singer George Jones and features a one-off paint scheme of Corvette Dark Brown and Corvette Light Beige. Jones ordered the car in the two-tone scheme because he liked the Pace Car look. The iconic front license plate remains to this day,

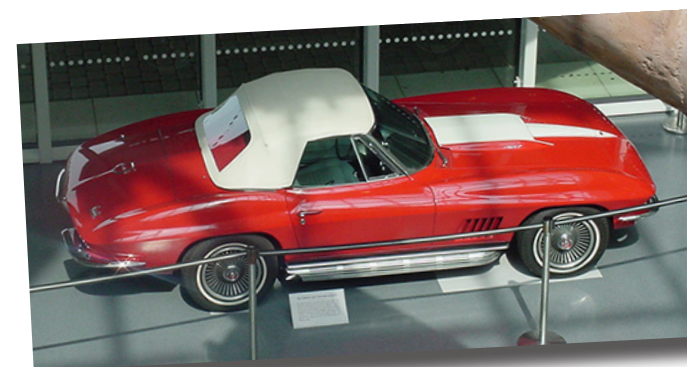
showcasing his nickname, "Possum" and sports an autographed dash and Jones' Tennessee plate reading "NO SHOW".

At the National Corvette Museum's Grand Opening celebration in 1994, Jones performed his best-known hit, He Stopped Loving Her Today. George's love of Corvette also inspired his song, The One I

Loved Back Then (The Corvette Song). When asked if owning a Corvette affected his decision to cut The Corvette Song, Jones said Oh, absolutely! George Jones' car is the first celebrity-owned Corvette now permanently displayed the National Corvette Museum.



George Jones 1978 Corvette



Roy Orbison's Corvette at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame 2009

**ROY ORBISON'S CORVETTE** Also on display is a red 1967 Sting Ray once belonging to musician and six-time Grammy winner, Roy Orbison.

With close to two dozen Billboard Top 40 hit singles including, Only the Lonely, Crying, and Pretty Woman, Orbison's talent and success in the music industry would earn him a spot in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Throughout his life, Orbison owned many Corvettes, but the red '67 Sting Ray was his personal daily driver. He would commute to the studio to record albums such as The Traveling Wilburys and Mystery Girl.

The '67 Sting Ray features factory side pipes, air conditioning, chrome step plates, 4-speed manual transmission, electric windows, power steering, and a white accented stinger hood and convertible top. This 1967 Sting Ray was the last Corvette purchased by Roy before his passing in 1988.

The first time I saw the '67 Sting Ray was at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2009. I was able to photograph it in the lobby before I was told that cameras were not allowed in the building. I subsequently saw the red Sting Ray several years later when it was located in the NCM's entrance to the exhibits.

**CORVETTE REIMAGINED SKYDOME EXHIBIT** New to the floor and paired with the 2014 SAM Arrow Corvette used by driver Sam Schmidt, is a 1957 Restomod Corvette on loan from Joe Mason. Displayed along with the radically modified cars is an interactive screen, showcasing how they were designed to empower their driver.



Red 1957 Restomod and 2014 SAM Arrow Corvette in NCM Skydome



# SAVE THE WAVE - Vettecademy

In early 2020, the NCM launched a new online educational video series - Vettecademy - for children (and interested adults). The videos offer topics related to Corvette history, the Museum, and other automotive areas (like basic mechanic "how to's") with a new video debuting each week on NCM's Facebook page and YouTube. The series is now in its second season.

Have you been watching the episodes? Maybe you feel that videos developed for children would not be of interest to you. I find the series informative, enjoyable, and I recommend you view them whenever you are looking for more facts about your favorite car. To entice you, I included a summary of the latest video offered: Season 2, Episode 19 – Save The Wave below.

The wave is used to greet others or in other ways such as waving goodbye. The wave's origin is unknown and is said to be dated back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century.



An article titled "Save The Wave" was published in the August-September 1969 issue of CORVETTE NEWS. (Note: I retrieved my Corvette News copy and re-read the article). The article stated that ever since Corvette number one first met Corvette number two on the road, their drivers gave each other a wave. This article confirms the tradition in the Corvette World is well over 50 years old!

Drivers wave at other cars as a friendly gesture. Corvette enthusiasts are nothing if not friendly to others who share the same passion. Taking the roadway in America's Sports Car always is something to be happy about recognizing the mutual adoration with a friendly wave when passing a fellow owner can be a joyful experience. In the Corvette World, this kind act is called *Save The Wave*!

Over the years there have been some tongue-in-cheek pieces written about *Save The Wave*, but the general conclusion is that waves must be done safely and in a friendly manner whether in a C1, a C8, or any generation in between. A friendly wave demonstrates the happiness Corvette enthusiasts get from their cars.

During the early generations a few general rules were created regarding to *Save The Wave* etiquette in the hopes that new owner would take them to heart and apply them on the roadways.

**First** and foremost is that whoever sees the other Corvette first starts the wave. No matter who waves first and no matter if it's a man or woman driving, it's pretty simple if you see another Corvette, give a wave.

**Second**, not waving at a fellow Corvette owner is considered a violation of proper Corvette etiquette. So the goal is to help new owners learn.

**Third** any type of wave is fine whether you throw your arm up to wave out of your open convertible top or thrust your hand out the side window or give a quick salute with your finger tips just off the grip of the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is okay.

**Finally**, a late wave is better than no wave if you suddenly realize that a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you. Try and get a wave off as soon as possible. The other driver may just catch a glimpse of your wave in their rear-view mirror and realize that you were just a little late - they'll appreciate the effort.

In the end, the underlying message is simple. Wave at fellow Corvette owners whoever they are, whenever you see them. It shows that you're a true enthusiast who understands the camaraderie and the special etiquette that comes with being a proud Corvette Owner.

So *Save The Wave*. It's friendly, it's fun and it's a fast acknowledgement. Fun and Fast – it's what Corvette is all about!

## FOR SALE: 4/20

New 1963-1967 Hardtop Rear Window (made by Glassworks) clear, no date, never used or installed \$325.00

New Five (5) 15x5 1/2 1963/1964 steel wheels (made by Corvette Specialties) never used or installed \$900.00

Please contact Randy 719-238-0628 email [rkhamlett5@q.com](mailto:rkhamlett5@q.com)  
Randy Hamlett  
NCRS member #3006

## FOR SALE: 10/20

All items from a 1969 Corvette:

1. Black leather set covers (slightly used pair; set for back and bottom; covers only); decent shape - \$450.00; pickup only.
2. Black sun visors (pair) - \$50.00.
3. Coupe rear glass (no frame), decent shape, original LOF etching, date code LX (January 1968 or March 1968) \$150.00; pick up only.
4. Quadrajet 14" chrome air cleaner cover; decent shape, has a Turbojet 390 hp sticker on it (which can be removed)- \$35.00

Matthew Cannizzaro [mcannizz@hotmail.com](mailto:mcannizz@hotmail.com)





Merchandise  
By Eckhard Pobuda

Winter is on its way. Lots of nice warm RMC jackets available.

We now have most sizes of the heather gray ring spun t-shirts, blue silk touch polo shirts, royal blue sweatshirts, gray sweatshirts with embroidered logos. This includes: Heather Charcoal Ring Spun Short Sleeve T-Shirts (Pic 1); Black Heather Silk Touch Long Sleeve T-Shirts (Pic 2); Blue Silk Touch Short Sleeve Polo Shirts (Pic 3); Royal Blue Long Sleeve Sweatshirts (Pic 4). All of this merchandise is available in all sizes. Also, we have replenished the inventory of several of our popular items such as the Chambray Shirts with embroidered pockets and Black Short Sleeve T-Shirts with embroidered pockets. Prices are shown in the attached Merchandise Inventory.

Contact  
Eckhard @ [epobuda@aol.com](mailto:epobuda@aol.com).

Item	Value	Color
2015 National Cooler	\$10.00	Blue
Aprons	\$15.00	
Challenger Jacket (SM - XL)	\$82.50	Red/Navy
Challenger Jacket (SM - XL)	\$82.50	Black/Black
Challenger Jacket (SM - XL)	\$82.50	Blue/Navy
Challenger Jacket (XXL - XXXL)	\$85.00	Red/Navy
Challenger Jacket (XXL - XXXL)	\$85.00	Black/Black
Challenger Jacket (XXL - XXXL)	\$85.00	Blue/Navy
Fleece Vests	\$35.00	Red
Fleece Vests	\$35.00	Blue
Fleece Vests	\$35.00	Black
Hats	\$15.00	Black
Hats	\$15.00	Black/Red
Hats	\$15.00	Brown
Hats	\$15.00	Beige
Hats	\$15.00	Beige/Green
Hats	\$15.00	Beige/Black
Hat Pins	\$3.00	
Pocket Knife	\$5.00	
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$30.00	Red
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$30.00	Blue
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$30.00	White
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve - Silk Touch (SM - XL)	\$25.00	Blue
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve - Silk touch (XXL - XXXL)	\$30.00	Blue
Subtotal Polo Shirts		
RMC Window Sticker	\$2.00	

Chambray Shirt (SM - XL)	\$35.00	Denim
Chambray Shirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$40.00	Denim
Chambray Shirt -Short Sleeve	\$30.00	Denim
Shopcoats - 38R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 40R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 42R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 52R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 54R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 56R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 58R	\$35.00	
Sweatshirt (SM - XL)	\$25.00	Gray
Sweatshirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$25.00	Gray
Sweatshirt (SM - XL)	\$25.00	Royal Blue
Sweatshirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$25.00	Royal Blue
T-Shirts - SS - Embroidered w/Pocket (SM - XL)	\$15.00	Black
T-Shirts - SS - Embroidered w/Pocket (XXL - XXXL)	\$20.00	Black
T-Shirts - Short Sleeve -Stenciled	\$10.00	Gray
T-Shirts -Ring Spun SS -Stenciled (SM - XL)	\$10.00	Heather Charcoal
T-Shirts - Ring Spun SS -Stenciled (XXL - XXXL)	\$15.00	Heather Charcoal
T-Shirts - Silk Touch LS -Stenciled (SM - XL)	\$15.00	Black Heather
T-Shirts - Silk Touch LS -Stenciled (XXL - XXXL)	\$18.00	Black Heather



Pic. 3



Pic. 1



Pic. 4



Pic. 2

Membership in the NCRS is open to persons interested in the restoration, preservation and history of the Corvette produced by the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors Corporation from 1953 through 1996. NCRS is not affiliated with Chevrolet or General Motors.

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