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**Summer BBQ hosted  
by Glenn and Lynn  
Reiff in Ft. Collins**

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**Tennyson Center  
event for kids**



## Chairman's Report

By Rick Reiff

**We are now officially on the way with preparing for the 2020 Regional in Loveland, Colorado.**

Hello Rocky Mountain Chapter. In April we had our annual business meeting, primarily to elect RMC Board members, as well as conduct Chapter business. The following members and associated Board positions were elected to two-year terms which start January 1, 2019: Tom Di Rito (Secretary); Steve Beatty (Membership);

Dennis Dalton (Newsletter Editor); and Rick Reiff (Chairman). In addition to Board elected positions, there are a couple of assigned positions, one of which is our Technical Advisor, who is Gary Steffens and another is our Communications Director, who until recently was long-time Board member Bob Davis. Bob did a great job over the years of keeping our website up to date and running smoothly and I'd like to say thanks for all he has done for the Chapter in that regard. Jack Humphrey has assumed the Communications Director/Webmaster position for the Chapter and recently helped facilitate getting the Chapter website back in operation after a snafu we had with the host server. As you may already be aware, our website is now accessible through the National website ([www.ncrs.org/rmc](http://www.ncrs.org/rmc)) so hopefully we won't be experiencing anymore issues with that. Thanks again Bob and thank you Jack for your taking on this important role. With the execution of the contract with the Embassy Suites Hotel, we are now officially underway with preparing for the 2020 Regional in Loveland, Colorado. Now that the contract is in place the next steps for your co-chairs (Pete LeClair and me) will be to form the various committees that are necessary for a successful event. So, stay tuned for more information as that process moves forward.

In the last couple of articles I've written I've tried to share some Corvette trivia/information. This morning (June 30<sup>th</sup>) as I was reading the paper I saw a note in the "This Day in History" section recognizing

that in 1953 the “first Chevrolet Corvette, with its innovative fiberglass body, was built at a General Motors assembly facility in Flint Michigan.” The start of production for serial number 001 was two days earlier. As you know, only 300, Polo White with red interior, Corvettes were made for the '53 model year. All of which had the 150 hp, 235 cid, Blue Flame Six coupled with the ubiquitous 2-speed Powerglide automatic transmission. The base price was \$3,498.00 with only two options; a heater (\$91.40) and an AM “signal searching” radio (\$145.15) and it appears each of the 300 production cars were equipped with these two options. So, with 842% inflation to convert 1953 dollars to 2018 dollars, the base price for the first run Corvette would set you back \$32,961 today. So, today’s Corvette will cost you more than a price adjusted '53, but you get so much more with the base-price car today than what the designers of the '53 couldn't have imagined back when No. 001 rolled off the assembly line (ex. 4-wheel disc brakes, 7-speed manual/8-speed automatic transmission choice, ABS, power steering, climate control, 460 hp V8 engine, cruise control, etc. – let alone options like satellite communications or supercharged engine options that result in a top speed exceeding 200 mph that would leave the then-current Indy cars in the dust). On a dollar per hp basis the '53 (\$219.74/hp) can't compete with the \$56,590 base-price 2019 Corvette (\$125.75/hp). So maybe the good old days weren't as good as the current day if you want horsepower bang for the buck. So happy 65<sup>th</sup> birthday Corvette, thanks for the memories and continued evolution of America's Sports Car!

Have a great summer and I hope to see you at one of the Chapter events.

Rick Reiff  
Chairman



**Membership Report**  
by Steve Beatty

**RMC once again achieved NCRS Top Flight status for 2017**

We have added the following new members since my last report: Norman Cygan (1964), Kevin Enomoto (1967), Gary Hurlburt (1993), Randy Hamlett (1967). Please extend a welcome to these new members at a future meeting. With these new members, our current membership is at 117 members. 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>)

RMC once again achieved NCRS Top Flight status for 2017. A special thanks to all of the members whose contributions and efforts made it possible for the Chapter to continue its tradition of earning this award.

We had 6 cars judged and 42 judges/tabulators in attendance at our Chapter Judging Meet in May. There were 10 cars driven in the Spring Road Tour in June. With this member participation, along with attendance at our meetings, tech sessions, and holiday party, we are off to a good start to earn a Top Flight Award in 2018.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the remaining scheduled events this year.

Steve Beatty  
Membership Manager  
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**Activities**  
by Jeff Roth

**10 Vettes with 16 people enjoyed the spring road tour.**

April, at our annual member meeting we re-elected several board members (those lucky guys) and had a good swap meet. I got a couple things I didn't know I needed but was happy with my purchases nonetheless. It's always nice to relax and talk to guys you haven't seen in a while.

May, we had our judging meet, I'll let Ralph tell you all about it. Attendees enjoyed breakfast burritos, then sandwiches and salad for lunch. I appreciated the tabulators helping me out with the lunch spread.

June, 10 Vettes with 16 people enjoyed the spring road tour. I sure did. My 62 ran like a champ, so I was a happy camper. We took a round about way to Pueblo through Colorado Springs and Penrose. We ate lunch at Angelos on the river walk, a wonderfully revitalized area along the Arkansas River. The green chili mac

and cheese was awesome, so was the hoagie sandwich that I had eaten on my preview of the road trip. After lunch we headed over to the Rosemount museum which is a mansion built in the early 1890s. The craftsmanship was outstanding and almost everything in it was original. Our tour guide was terrific and filled us in on the Thatcher family who built it and lived in it. The youngest family member who lived out his days in the mansion had the foresight to create a foundation to preserve it as a museum. Everyone headed their own way home seeking to avoid the shut downs around Fountain on northbound I25 due to several accidents. My navigator (Diane) found a bypass on Google maps and we missed all the problems, avoided an overheat of the 62 and traveled a beautiful wooded and windy road through Fountain entering I25 with the flashing emergency lights in the rear-view mirror.

July 28<sup>th</sup> is our summer BBQ. This year it is being hosted by Glenn and Lynn Reiff in Ft. Collins. They have a lovely new home and I sure a great shop to check out. Please join us at this always festive and happy get together. I'll send out more details the first of July.

August will be at the Tennyson Center event for kids. Prepare for finger prints, high energy kids and pizza for lunch.

I am Phil Morgan NCRS #1340 and can offer great pricing on BULLET POLISH products and I am a dealer for CORVETTE AMERICA. I will offer 1/2 of whatever discount I get to NCRS members on the VINTAGE CATALOG, the 1953-1982 and 1984-2012 catalog. Please advise if I can send you a catalog.

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Jeff Roth  
Activities



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**Tom Di Rito**  
Secretary

## My Experience Judging at a Chapter Meet

As I write this article, we just had our Spring Chapter Judging Meet a few days ago (May 6, 2018). I own a C-4 (1995 ZR-1). As a 200 Master Level Judge, you can often find me at a Regional or National meet working with Tom Barr's C-4 team. This past weekend at our Chapter Event I was asked to judge a beautiful 1993 C-4, but I was also asked to judge a 1969 and a 1956. So, I was asked to "step out of my comfort zone and judge cars that I don't often work with."

I had worked on a few 1968 and 1969s in the past so I had some experience to draw from however the only C-1 that I'd ever judged before was in 2013 at a National Judging Retreat when I was "schooled" on a beautiful 1954. I say "schooled" as at the retreat the instructors work the students hard to be sure we use proper nomenclature in discussing our judging findings with owners (an incredibly helpful bit of education).

So what did I learn from the 1969 & 1993 experience? Well, I worked with an Observer Judge and, while I couldn't spend as much time with him as I would have liked to, I think, especially on the 1993, I was able to convey to him several important judging concepts and a few things peculiar to the 1993. Similarly, for the 1969, we dealt with a number of issues with that beautiful car, with several issues resolved through a review of the NCRS Standard Deduction Guidelines and the 2016 NCRS Paint Flow Chart. If you don't have these judging tools and are wondering how to get these important documents, check with our Chapter Judging Chairman or attend some Judging Seminars at Regional or National events.

Using these judging tools as well as the training we all have the privilege of receiving at Chapter, Regional and National events, it's quite straight forward to judge any Corvette. I remember taking a class at a Judging Retreat where we actually used the NCRS judging techniques to even judge a Coke can (true story)! Remember all Corvettes have engines, frames, interiors, paint, exterior components and the zillions of other things cars have in common. So don't sweat it; the Judging Manuals, other team members and Team Leaders are there to help you as needed!

Last, we worked on the 1956, the car I was most worried about. As I began looking at the car I realized that not only did my judging partner have some expertise with these cars, but the training that I had received previously was very helpful in properly evaluating the car. No, I was not able to go through the car as quickly as I could the 1993, but I was able to successfully and fairly judge the car using the skills I've learned through NCRS. I was also happy to see that after reviewing the judging sheet with the owner of the 1956, a 400 Level Master Judge himself, he believed that his car had been fairly judged by our team.

I wrote this article to tell each member that although I had to judge outside of my comfort zone and had to stretch my knowledge base, I came away more knowledgeable and more confident in my abilities to fairly evaluate a car on the judging field. I encourage each Chapter Member to **STRONGLY** consider volunteering to judge at a Chapter meet. Who knows, you might learn something and have the added bonus of coming away with new found friends through the process!



## Announcing: 2019 NCRS Rocky Mountain Road Tour



Pictures taken from the internet  
are from the Smokey Mountains.  
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2019 Convention: To be held in Greenville, South Carolina, July 14-19, 2019

Road Tour: Departs Denver, Colorado on Saturday morning July 6, 2019 and ends with the Last Night Out party on Saturday July 13, 2019. Total mileage to the Convention approximately 1,600 miles.  
Overnight Stops: tentatively to include Junction City, Kansas; Fairview Heights, Illinois; Bowling Green, Kentucky; Nashville, Tennessee and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Things We'll be Doing Along the Way: Tentative stops include the National Corvette Museum, possible tour of the Corvette Production Line in Bowling Green, Kentucky (subject to availability), Full day in Nashville, Tennessee (Country Music Hall of Fame, Ryman Auditorium, attend a Grand Ole Opry Show), full day at Dollywood, Tennessee (beautiful theme park in the rolling hills of the Great Smoky Mountains) to name a few things.

Are you interested in going?

Some Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why are you asking about our attendance now? I've learned that the toughest room block to secure is the room block that someone else has already acquired, thus I need to begin to secure room blocks in August, 2018 (next month).
2. What if I'd prefer to join you somewhere along the way vs. starting out in Denver, Colorado? Not a problem; it happens often that we have people that do just that. Just let me know what you are thinking.
3. What if I'm not sure if I can go or not? I'm just trying to get an idea of how many rooms that I need to secure so if you change your mind, not a big problem at all! This just helps me to better plan my room block needs.

If you think that you might be interested in going, or if you have any questions, please contact me by email: [Totirid@aol.com](mailto:Totirid@aol.com) as soon as possible.





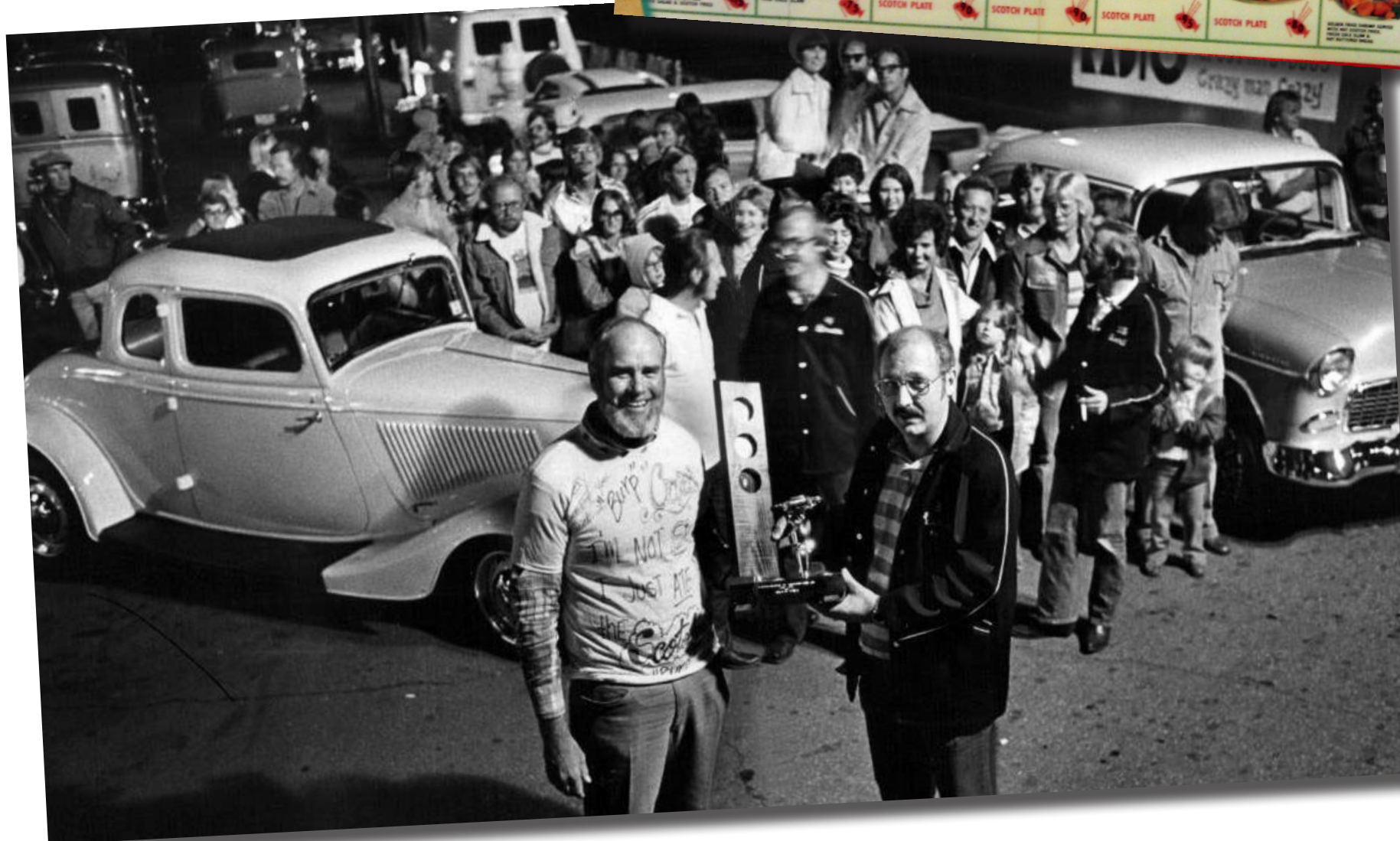


## Annual Scotchman tribute Sunday July 29

Once again Looking Glass Corvette Association is once again hosting the annual Scotchman Tribute all Corvette Show this July. The event is open to all Corvette owners and is a no charge event. For those people who are not from the Denver area, The Scotchman Motor Restaurant was the place to see and be seen from the mid-1950s until the Scotchmans closure in 1975. This really was the teenage hangout back in the day. To help with a mental image, think Mels Diner in California, or the hangout in American Graffiti. The restaurant was located on North Federal Blvd between 47th and 48th Avenues on the East side of the street. Today, a Wendys burger restaurant occupies the space. The Scotchman building was torn down after it closed to make way for the Wendys.

The show will be held on Sunday, July 29, 2018 beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 2:00 pm. The location is in Wheat Ridge at Anderson Park, just a half block South of 44th Ave. on Field Street. The show is basically a non-judged, no trophy free event with the goal of encouraging Corvette owners to gather, admire the cars and get to know each other. The event will have a D.J. playing top forty oldies, a food truck for those not interested in bringing a picnic lunch and the Wheat Ridge High School pom pom team selling their now famous root beer floats as a fund raiser for the squad. Registration is easy, just an email to Judy Nielsen at [nielsen\\_129@q.com](mailto:nielsen_129@q.com).

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact, John Marsico, 303-421-6973, [jmarsico@centurylink.net](mailto:jmarsico@centurylink.net). Of course, Judy is also available to answer any and all questions you might have. Jeff Roth







by Jack Humphrey  
RMC Treasurer

## Our new web site is now up and running.

At our last board meeting, it was decided to limit the amount of financial disclosure we make to mirror the level of disclosure from NCRS National. That means I'll provide the membership with P&L and Balance Sheet information on an annual basis instead of quarterly as I have been doing.

Since my last report, it's been reasonably quiet. I provided the 2020 Regional team with a financial review of our risk at accepting the host hotel's contractual requirement for a \$15,000 food and beverage expenditure. My bottom line was we should be in good shape here. Why?

This is the same commitment we made for the 2014 Regional. And back then we MORE than met the commitment with our expenditures for the welcoming

party, our Ethyl's diner evening, the meet awards banquet and the Judges breakfasts and lunches we bought. If we have the same or a similar level of attendance in 2020, then given the modest inflation that's occurred, we should be very safe in our commitment here

Pete LeClair ordered the additioinal merchandise he indicated we needed and the invoice has been processed. Those of you who have been waiting for a larger selection of T-shirts and sweatshirts, you should now have the inventory to select from!

We opted to donate a 'short case' (box of 12 with only 11 inside) of 2014 NCRS National insulated cooler bags to the NCRS Foundation for their 2018 silent auction in Las Vegas. I'll transport and deliver the merchandise to Joan Burnett.

We have an obligation to update our annual report to the Colorado Secretary of State. I filed that report today, so we are current with our obligations to the State now.

You may have noticed that we lost our chapter website recently. The ISP who hosted the site apparently went out of business and we were caught without a backup (defective disk drive). The board tasked me to seek and implement a cost effective solution which I did by working with the NCRS National IT staff.

Instead of starting from scratch with a hand rolled, custom written web, we put our replacement site up using Word Press. Think of this as you would doing financial programming by way of a spreadsheet utility.

Also, instead of paying for a website domain name and shopping for an ISP to host the site, we took advantage of the existence of NCRS National. They allow chapters who want to put their sites up to use the existing facilities of the NCRS National site. Bottom line, we are up and running a rather bare bones replacement site now that makes use of NCRS National facilities which are free to us.

## New RMC Merchandise Available

I resupplied many popular merchandise in the last quarter. Specifically, we now have all sizes of the heather gray ringspun 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.

Merchandise may be purchased at NCRS RMC events or by contacting the Merchandise Chairman, Pete LeClair at 970.396.6000 or by email at [prlnascar@comcast.net](mailto:prlnascar@comcast.net). Stock up on our great chapter merchandise before the 2018 Road Tour or National Convention and proudly promote our chapter."

Pete LeClair  
Merchandise

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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