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Midway USA Tune Up

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Vice Chairman Ramblings By Rick Smiley

What a month October was. Kerri Keller received her Master Judges Hat at the Frisco Regional in Texas.

Jennifer Gulley, daughter of David Gulley, received the very first NCRS top flight award given for C-5's, for her 1997 Corvette Coupe.

Kurt Geis' 1994 Corvette Coupe, shown by his stepson Ryan Ghaffari received the coveted Yellow Ribbon for passing the Performance Verification (PV). This clears the way for the Dave Hill Mark-of-Excellence Award at Nationals in Rhode Island in 2016 or San Antonio, Texas in 2017.

Let's not forget Kerri and Dallas Keller's 34th wedding anniversary which happened at the Frisco Regional.

Dave Ewan, NCRS Vice-President and Region 7 Director attended our October Meeting and shared some recent NCRS information and answered questions from our membership.

Check out the judging seminar article and pictures on page 4 of this newsletter.

The Frisco, Texas Regional was really great as usual. Lots of cars to judge and friends to visit with. In attendance from our club were; Gene and Gina Holtz, David, Mary and Jenifer Gulley, Casey and Sylvia Coates, Bob and Sheri Demmel, Dave and Lynn Ewan, Peter Gregory, John Heckler, Steve and Denise Williamson, Dave and Jo Houlihan, Dallas and Kerri Keller and last but not least Rick Smiley.

Quite a showing for such a small club! Oh, did I mention that it rained? About 6" of rain in twenty four hours. Luckily the cars were all inside before it really started to rain.

Also at the October meeting we had nominations of officers for the coming year. Actual elections will be held in December with officers assuming their duties in January.

Dee Ann and Jim Coote will be hosting this year's Christmas party. Hopefully Jim will have a date for us at the November meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

- Smiley



Smiley Family at Lambau Field



NCRS Events Calendar

(National & Local)

NCRS web site <http://www.ncrs.org>
then click on the Events link.

- Nov 11 - Arizona Chapter Fall Event
- Nov 11 - Florida Chapter Fall Meet
- Nov 14 - Midway USA Chapter Meeting
& 2016 Officer Nominations
- Dec 12 - Midway USA Chapter Meeting
& Officer Election & Christmas Party
- Jan 20 2016 - Florida Chapter Winter Regional
- Mar 10 -> 13 - 2016 National Judging Retreat
in Grapevine, TX



Event Registration Forms

Click the link for the complete list of events.
[NCRS News & Events page](#)

Click the link for individual event registration information.

[11-21-2015 Arizona Chapter Arizona Fall 2015 Event & School](#)

[11-21-2015 Florida Chapter 2015 Howie FL Chapter Fall Meet](#)

[12-06-2015 Puerto Rico Chapter Chapter Flt Judging](#)

[01-20-2016 Florida Chapter 38th Annual NCRS Winter Regional
at Sun N Fun facilities on Lakeland Linder Airport](#)

[03-10-2016 - 03-13-2016 2016 National Judging Retreat in
Grapevine, TX](#)

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Midway USA Chapter Merchandise

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\$7.00 for either the magnetic or pin type

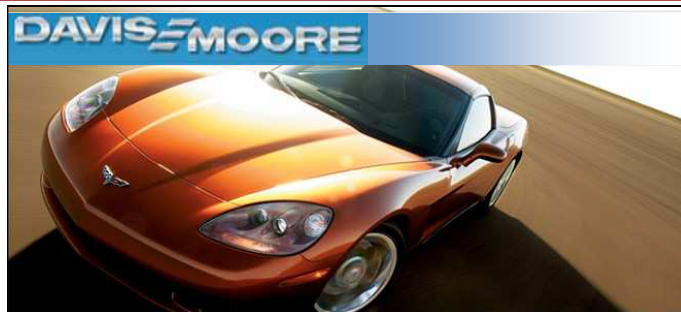
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Texas Chapter Lone Star Regional Meet - By Jo Houlihan

Happy to report Keri and Dallas's wedding anniversary was celebrated with all their NCRS friends at the Frisco Regional. Not only were they celebrating their anniversary, but also Keri got her Master Judge Hat. Congratulation to Keri and Happy Anniversary to both of you.

Back to the Regional. There were 41 flight cars, 10 PV's and 11 sportsman and special interest cars. The Embassy Suites continues to be a great forum for this event. The weather was not as cooperative. There was a chance of 100% rain on Operations Day. All cold starts were waived and the cars were driven into the covered garage for the rest of the operations check.



34th Wedding Anniversary - Congrats Kellers!!



Kurt Geis' 1994 Corvette Coupe
PV'd by his son-in-law Ryan.

We had quite a show of members for this event, Jo & Dave Houlihan, Kerri and Dallas Keller, Rick Smiley, Dave and Mary Gulley, Steve and Denise Williamson, Casey and Sylvia Coats, Sherri & Bob Demmel, Peter Gregory, Dave Ewan, and Gene & Gina Holtz.

The first C5 to be judged at a Regional belonged to Jennifer Gulley, daughter of Mary and Dave Gulley. This car received a Top Flight Ribbon. Our club helped judge Operations (Rick Smiley) and Exterior (Dave Houlihan). Kurt's white 1994 car, represented by his stepson, Ryan Ghaffari, passed its PV. (First time) Great job goes to Ryan for driving between raindrops to get it done. Sherri Demmel also received a sportsman award for showing her car.

Here is a run down of participation of our folks from the club. Rick Smiley – Operations 1984-89 & 1997-99, Sherri Demmel – Operations 1964-65, Kerri Keller Operations 1970-72, Dallas Keller - Interior 1970-72, Dave Gulley – Exterior 1973-77 & 1978-1982, Mary Gulley – Interior 1973-77 & 1978-1982, Peter Gregory – Mechanical 1973-77 & 1978-82, Dave Houlihan – Exterior 1990-96 & 1997-99, Steve Williamson – Interior 1967, Bob Demmel – Interior 1968-69. Jo Houlihan – Interior 1953-1955 & tabbing, Dave Ewan – Mechanical 1953-55. Some members did observer judging and Terry's school in the search for knowledge and points. Dave Brigham's class, on Thursday, outlined the new paint judging process effective after the 2016 Rhode Island National.

Plan on attending the 2016 Lone Star Regional in Frisco. All who attend will have a good time!!



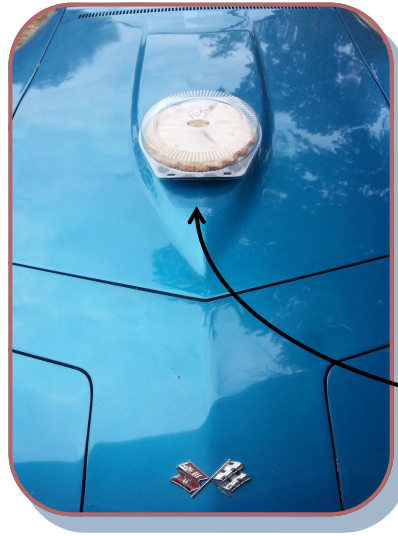
Kerri presented with a Black Hat



Nominations for Chapter Officers
and Committee Members

Rick Smiley	Chairman
Dave Houlihan	Vice Chairman
Jim Coote	Secretary
Dallas Keller	Treasurer
Tracy Crisler	Judging

Elections will be held in December
with officers assuming their duties in
January.



AWARD WINNER

BEST CORVETTE at
Poverty Flats in Gyp-
sum, KS! John Jones'
Baby won over *the*
other Corvette there.
The judge said he
wasn't able to pick
his own Corvette ;-)
John is still counting
it as a win and will
let us all know how
good the pie (prize)
is.

Judging Seminar - Article by Rick Smiley & photos by Dale Green

Dallas Keller with Tracy Crisler's assistance put on a
"judge-this-part" judging seminar that was both fun and
educational. This event is always interesting as it is one
of the few times the club gets to hear and critique every-
one's judging skills. Of course Dallas always has to have
the last word on originality!!!!



The Midway USA Chapter was honored by
Dave Ewan's presence at our Chapter meeting.
Not only is he our Region VII director, he's also
Region X director and Vice President of NCRS.



October 2015 Meeting Minutes - Midway USA Chapter of NCRS, Inc.

Minutes Prepared By Chapter Secretary Jim Coote

The October 2015 monthly meeting was held on the 10th and called to order at 9:04 AM (by my wrist watch) by the chapter Vice-Chairman, Rick Smiley. There were 22 in attendance.

Old Business mixed with some New!

Our Vice-Chairman, Rick Smiley, called the meeting to order by having our visitor, Ray Barber, stand up and introduce himself as to what Corvette or Corvettes he owns. Since that is all we care about, I didn't catch anything else but the fact that he has a '68 roadster. We of course properly welcomed him to our meeting and expressed our desire for him to become a regular, which would include him joining the club. Dallas made sure that Ray understood that he was the treasurer and would welcome his membership fee.

Another visitor, but a member, no not Phil, who traveled from Texas to join us in our meeting was Dave Ewan who is the Vice President of our National organization and our Region V11 Director. Rick asked him to say a few words, and a few he did say. Topics included the history of the founding of the Texas Chapter which he has been the Chairman of for a total of 12 years; he has owned some twenty-1957 Vettes, probably trying to catch up to our Roy Ester; filled us in on the upcoming Rhode Island National Convention to be held in 2016 in July by telling us "it will be a fabulous meeting"; and the Texas Regional in 2017 which will be the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Corvette.

Dave then asked if there were any questions and of course Rick had to inquire about the progress of the new "Sportsman Concourse" judging class, which he prefers to rename it "Day 2", which by the way is the same as "Second Day"! Ray indicated that it looks like the board is going to pursue the idea, but it probably won't materialize as a class before mid 2016, at the earliest. There seems to be quite a few that are interested in some sort of a modified class which everyone feels will increase enrollment and activity in the organization. The "purists" may have a difficult time adjusting to the idea but if the board is buying into it, surely the rest will follow. Maybe I won't have to turn over my cotter pins in the rear axle after all! Have you fixed that yet on your frame Tracy? Another question concerned the new paint rules, which Dave said would be talked about in Frisco. We'll have to wait until our representatives return from there to learn how the rules have changed about judging paint.

A serious and somewhat emotional discussion ensued after Kerri Keller inquired of Dave why it is necessary for someone who achieves the required number of points to qualify for a hat at a National event to wait until a later regional event to be awarded the hat. Apparently Kerri was as convincing with Dave as she is with Dallas as the Vice President of NCRS took some notes which I assume will find their way back to a board meeting sometime in the future. Way to go Kerri!

Dale Green was asked for an update on Kurt, to which he replied that it seems Kurt is improving a little. He is eating well and recognizes familiar people. Karen secured a new caretaker so that she could go back to work at Spirit to retain her job. Ryan, Karen's son, is taking their 1994 Vette to Frisco for PV. Dale does a great job in staying in touch with the Geis's, a good example for the rest of us!

Dallas Keller, the husband of Kerri Keller, was asked about our financial standing since he is our Treasurer. Dallas informed us that we had \$3,191.34 in the checking account and our savings account still had our \$100.00 bill. He also said that he had submitted to Dave Ewan the forms used to request matching funds from National to our chosen charity. They will match up to 50% of what we have raised this year for the American Cancer Society.

Kent Michael, the usually quiet one in the front row, made a motion that we accept the minutes as written and published in the October newsletter. I suspect he made that motion to cut off any disagreement that might arise from the Vice Chairman concerning the accuracy of the minutes. It worked as the group voted as a whole to accept them. My monthly hurdle passed again!

Dale, in his spare time, dug up some membership trivia concerning the length of time our members have been a member of the National Organization. Since Dale thought it important enough to do the research, I'll further the importance

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of such drivell by publishing the results of the top nine members. In other words, following are the oldest members of our club, according to when they joined NCRS:

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| 1. Dave Ewan #177 | 4. Peter Gregory | 7. Phil Lorenz |
| 2. Roy Ester | 5. Richard York | 8. Casey Coats |
| 3. Rick & Bev Smiley | 6. Ed Arnold | 9. Larry Guhr |

This topic brought up some discussion about the pins that were once thought to be a way to honor the long time members. The pins would have your membership number on them along with the NCRS logo and could be proudly worn to funerals and weddings, or even to church. Apparently the cost overwhelmed the idea because it seems to be a dead topic now.

Rick asked John Jones to clarify for all of us what was meant when last month the idea of putting on our website a "Google" phone number was suggested. If I heard and understood correctly this time, this is a free service provided by Goggle which will provide a number for anyone using our website to contact a designated club member for any questions he might have. My interpretation of this can be further clarified in the next meeting when Rick challenges the minutes!

Dave Houlihan gave such a brief synopsis of the Wisconsin Regional that all I wrote down was about two cars having broken springs! Maybe it was not that brief, but highly informative to the point that I lost my focus of taking notes. I apologize Dave. I didn't even write down the year of the cars having broken springs, but I remember he told us to go home and check ours! I think it might have been brother Tim's year, 1996? Now Dave will be after me too when it comes time to approve the minutes!

What I did take copious notes on was when Dave was telling us about how he told some stranger that he loved them! I think he was trying to convince Jo of his undying love for her by telling us some cockamamie story about how someone walking by him was on their cell phone and telling their loved one back home that they loved them, so Dave responded, "I love you too". Hope Jo bought the story, 'cause Dave and Jo do make a lovely couple.

Dale, trying to get us off this topic I guess, informed us that Dave is a member of 5 clubs. What that has to do with matrimony, I don't know.

Dallas, having been ignored for more than 30 minutes announced that dues would soon be due and it wouldn't be too soon to give him yours. Actually, January is when they are due, but Dallas is a forward looking guy, so he wants us to forward our checks to him as soon as it is comfortable for us to do so. I don't buy green bananas at my age and I sure ain't going to pay my dues until they are due!

Rick reminded us of the soon approaching Texas Lone Star Regional in Frisco (Dallas), Texas October 22-24. Several of our members will be going. We'll look for a summary of the event at our next meeting I'm sure.

Also soon approaching is our officer's election. It was discussed that we would keep the same board members with a little shuffling by moving Rick to the Chairman and adding Dave Houlihan as Vice-Chairman. It was also suggested that we make Kurt Geis Chairman Emeritus. A motion was made and seconded that these changes should be voted on and it was unanimously passed.

With little ceremony, not typical of Vice Presidents, Dave Ewan adjourned the meeting so that we could proceed to the Judging Session that Dallas and Tracy Crisler, our Judging Chairman, had conjured up.





Date _____ NCRS Member # _____

National Corvette Restorers Society
Midway USA Chapter of NCRS
<http://www.midwayusancrs.org>
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Member _____

Address _____ City: _____

State _____ Zip: _____ - _____ Email: _____

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List of Corvettes:

Year	Color	Style	Additional Comments for Corvette
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_____	_____	_____	_____

Restoration Experience (if any) _____

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