



# The Front Bumper

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

A new year is here and I hope you and your family and friends had a great holiday season. The beginning of any new year marks a time for resolutions particularly when it comes to our passion for restoring Corvettes.

There are a number of scheduled NCRS events scheduled for 2023 including the **NW Chapter Judging Meet** which will be held at Mike Vercheak's Shop in Renton, WA on May 13th. If you have not already registered for the May 13 meet please do so by accessing registration on the NCRS website. We also included a preview of local, virtual and important national events—see **Upcoming Events** on page 3 for your reference.

The new year has already ushered significant change in the Corvette world with deliveries of long anticipated 2023 Z06 and General Motor recently announcing the 2024 Corvette Hybrid. After facing many challenges in the 2022 season of the IMSA Weathertech SportsCar Championship, Corvette Racing Team started its 25th season of competition with a runner-up finish in the Rolex 24 at Daytona. Come 2024, the Corvette Racing Team will feature the new Z06 GT3.R which will be available to the public in the third quarter of this year (Chevrolet has yet to mention its price!). Yes, times are changing!

As a reminder, if you have questions or concerns regarding **NCRS National Issues**...please contact our Regional Director, Bob Johansen. Bob is your contact to the National Board and he can address your questions/concerns. Bob's email address is [rjohansen@comcast.net](mailto:rjohansen@comcast.net)

Any questions or concerns about your chapter...please feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

**Dan Johnson / Chapter Chairman**

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- We sent out a reminder to renew for 2023 renewal—please renew if you have not done so already
- We currently have 103 family memberships
- We would like to welcome some recent new Chapter members; Carlos Zuniga, Shawn Hoerth, Roy Wipple and Bradley and Jody Wilson

## UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS CALENDAR

**February 18, 2023:** Virtual Class—Gauges C1-C5 (Online Event)

**February 23-25, 2023:** 44th Florida Winter Regional (Lakeland, FL)

**March 4, 2023:** Virtual Class—Radios, Speakers & Antennas (Online Event)

**March 23-25, 2023:** Tucson Regional (Tucson, AZ)

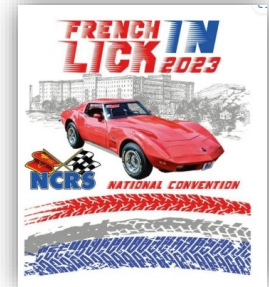
**May 13, 2023:** NW Chapter Judging Meet (Renton, WA)

**June 1-3, 2023:** Altoona Regional (Altoona, PA)

**June 3, 2023:** British Columbia Chapter Flight Judging Event (Surrey, BC)

**June 8-10, 2023:** North Central Regional (Rochester, MN)

**July 23-27, 2023:** NCRS 2023 National Convention French Lick, IN)



### 2024 National Convention—Mark Your Calendars

**August 4-8, 2024:** 2024 National Convention (Hampton Roads, VA)

**November 19 Judging School:  
Parts Restoration Zinc &  
Black Oxide Plating  
(Woodinville, WA)**



**December 4 Holiday  
Brunch (Budd Bay  
Café Olympia, WA)**





## MARKETPLACE TRENDS

*By Troy Saharic, Newsletter Editor*

Despite worrisome economic conditions and a high inflationary environment, valuations in the collector car market are not giving ground. The Mecum Kissimmee, FL (January 4-15, 2023) and Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale, AZ (January 21-29, 2023) car auctions, widely regarded as the barometer of the collector car market, each reported record sales.

### Mecum Kissimmee’s Event Statistics:

- Eclipsed last year’s (2022) \$217 million record with \$234 million in sales, the most ever at Kissimmee
- Record of 3,180 vehicles sold of the 4,000 vehicles consigned
- First-ever Mecum auction to achieve more than \$200 million in sales in consecutive years
- Record attendance of both registered bidders and spectators
- Top Corvette sales included:
  - ⇒ 1967 Coupe (Lot F156) at \$495,000
  - ⇒ 1963 Convertible #3 (Lot S136) at \$467,500
  - ⇒ 1967 Convertible (Lot F184) at \$440,000
  - ⇒ 1967 Custom (Lot S110) at \$440,000
  - ⇒ 1963 Coupe Air (Lot F110.1) at \$434,500
  - ⇒ 2019 ZR1 Coupe (Lot S73.1) at \$363,000
  - ⇒ 1965 Big Tank Fuelie (Lot T214) at \$352,000
  - ⇒ 1967 Convertible Duntov (Lot S147) at \$330,000
  - ⇒ 1963 Coupe (Lot F222) at \$321,750
  - ⇒ 2019 ZR1 (Lot S143.1) at \$313,500

### Barrett-Jackson’s Scottsdale Event Statistics:

- Exceeded \$190.6 Million in Total Auction Sales
- 1,907 No Reserve collectible vehicles sold totaling more than \$184.2 million in auction sales and surpassing 200 world auction records
- Average sale price of more than \$96,000 per vehicle
- Record number of bidders and attendance surpassing 300,000
- Top Corvette sales included:
  - ⇒ 1962 Convertible Survivor (Lot 1451) at \$572,000
  - ⇒ 1953 Convertible #103 (Lot 1403) at \$550,000
  - ⇒ 1963 Coupe Fuelie (Lot 1303) for \$313,500
  - ⇒ 1964 Convertible Fuelie Survivor (Lot 997.2) at \$247,500
  - ⇒ 1961 Convertible (Lot 1041) at \$308,000
  - ⇒ 1963 Coupe Fuelie (Lot 1403.1) at \$253,000
  - ⇒ 1967 Convertible 435 (Lot 1316.1) at \$231,000
  - ⇒ 1963 Corvette Coupe (Lot 1034) for \$220,000
  - ⇒ 1967 Custom Convertible (Lot #1367) also sold for \$770,000

Bada bing—that’s incredible! The auction houses also reported a record number of private collections including 45 recorded by Mecum alone. For those collectors, remember the old saying — you cannot take them with you, but you can certainly enrich these auctioneers in the afterlife!

The sales statistics continue to support a strong sellers market, but will we turn a corner as 2023 progresses? That is the big question as a number of restorer friends sit on the sidelines waiting for the right opportunity.

There may be hope. Classic.com, the independent tracker of classic car auctions and market data, provided another perspective. In their **Auction Results: January 2023** article (2/1/2023), they reported the following:

*“But market isn’t growing as fast year-over-year as it did during the pandemic. 2023 is emerging as the first year of our “post-pandemic” reality, where we are seeing stabilization. Buyers and sellers are still very active, and records are still being set. That being said, “reserve not met” is being seen more and more – especially online – and many “pandemic buyers” may be looking at post-pandemic losses if they go to sell this year, especially when it comes to the top cooling markets we reported for 2022.”*

Well it sounds like we need to continue to stay tuned, be creative and keep a sharp eye out for those opportunities! -Troy



## BLAST FROM THE PAST: REMEMBER THE CHEETAH!

This article first appeared in the [Hemmings Find of the Day](#) on January 2015. The 1964 Cheetah was for sale for \$580,000 with a fantastic seller's description!

[Written by Daniel Strohl from Hemmings Magazine \(1/28/2015\)](#)

We've seen this narrative before. Car goes racing back in the day, car gets replicated quite a bit for road and race use, original examples of car thus become more prestigious and more valuable. Only this isn't a Shelby Cobra we're talking about; instead, it's the Cobra's nemesis, a Bill Thomas-built 1964 Cheetah for sale on Hemmings.com. Documented as one of three Alan Green Chevrolet Cheetahs, it has extensive period-racing history and has been used since as both a street car and for vintage racing. Today it wears its original body, restored to its original Alan Green livery, and appears ready for even more track time. From the seller's description:



*"The second of three Cheetahs ordered by Alan Green Chevrolet of Burien/Seattle, Washington, this car was built to racing specifications and was the only Alan Green Chevrolet Cheetah to be road-raced. Its outstanding documented racing record includes 10 Federation Internationale de L'Automobile (FIA) events in 1964-65. In 2009, this Cheetah received a FIA-issued Historic Technical Passport (HTP). The HTP makes this Cheetah eligible for any FIA-sanctioned vintage event in the world. To the best of our knowledge, this is the only Bill Thomas Cheetah to have a HTP.*

*Alan Green Chevrolet took delivery of this Cheetah in March, 1964. It was raced extensively during the 1964 and 1965 seasons, usually under the Alan Green Chevrolet banner. Its maiden race, a California Sports Car Club event, took place at Pomona, CA, on March 22, 1964. Although, it was delivered in red, it was repainted Alan Green "green," in approximately June, 1964. Pictures from the Los Angeles Times Grand Prix at Riverside International Raceway in October, 1964 are the first to show the car in Alan Green "green."*

*The drivers for Alan Green Chevrolet included Jerry Grant, Allen Grant (unrelated), Don Jansen, Gary Gove, and [Larry Webb](#), at numerous tracks including Riverside, Laguna Seca, Mosport, Westwood, Seattle, Cottati, Portland, and Kent. For fun, [Larry Webb](#) took it to the local drag strip, where he reported it turned in the mid-10 seconds at 134 mph.*

*In May, 1966, Jerry Copely of Medford, Oregon, purchased this Cheetah from Alan Green Chevrolet. Copely painted it purple and raced it for one year, winning the SCCA Regional Championship for his class. In March, 1967, when his wife became pregnant, Copely sold the car to Barrie Grant (not related to the other Grants) of Grants Pass, Oregon.*

*Barrie Grant raced the Cheetah through 1970 at tracks in Washington, Oregon, and Western Canada. He picked up two more SCCA Regional Championships. During this time, the Cheetah was first yellow, then blue.*

*In May, 1972, Rob Pinkham of Lake Tahoe, California, purchased a very used and tired Cheetah from Barrie Grant. Pinkham's ten-year restoration transformed the former race-car into a street car, adding things like a functioning horn, turn signals, and a single windshield wiper. In 1982, Pinkham licensed the car for the street.*

## BLAST FROM THE PAST: REMEMBER THE CHEETAH!

*Written by Daniel Strohl from Hemmings Magazine (1/28/2015), continued*

*In May, 1989, Fred Yeakel of Trabuco Canyon, California, purchased the Cheetah from Rob Pinkham. Yeakel removed the original Alan Green Chevrolet race car body and stored it in the rafters of his garage. He located a never-mounted body in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which, in 1964 configuration, was painted red, numbered "8," lettered with the "Alan Green Chevrolet" logo on the front fenders, and installed on the car.*

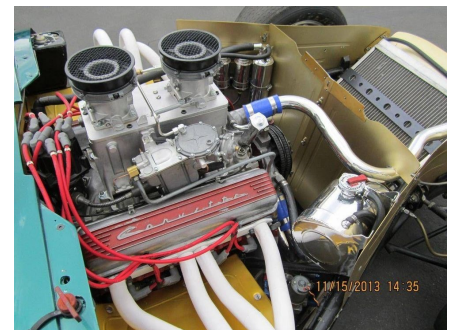
*Yeakel vintage raced the Cheetah in this configuration on the West Coast for 21 years. After debuting in a VARA race at Willow Springs in 1990, the Cheetah raced at vintage events including: more than ten times at the Monterey Historic Automobile Races; Wine Country Classic (Sonoma); Los Angeles Vintage Races; Portland Historics; Tustin Thunder; and vintage events at tracks such as Seattle, Las Vegas, Crows Landing, Thunderhill, Phoenix, Willow Springs, and Palm Springs.*

*Among other vintage awards, the Cheetah received the in-class trophy at the 1993 Monterey Historic Automobile Races. Also, the Cheetah won the United States Road Racing Championship (USRRC), Seniors Tour Series, Entrepreneur's Cup for front engine cars in 1994 - the first year for the USRRC Seniors Tour.*

*In the fall of 2012, Yeakel decided to put the original Alan Green Chevrolet race car body back on the frame and restore the car to its 1965 livery. The process took over a year and included installing a new modern wiring harness and rebuilding the dual air meter fuel injection. The original American Racing five-spoke magnesium wheels remain on the Cheetah.*

*This Bill Thomas Cheetah, once raced by Alan Green Chevrolet, and successfully campaigned on the vintage circuit for more than two decades is offered with a plethora of documentation, including a manual for the dual air meter fuel injection system, wiring diagram, FIA HTP document, letters and ownership documentation from prior owners, and presentation book.*

1964 Cheetah  
\$580,000  
Anaheim, CA





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Northwest Chapter Membership** — Please remember to renew your Chapter membership for 2023 (due by January 1st).

**Northwest Chapter Classifieds/Swap Meet** — Dan Johnson will continue to send out notifications to submit your classifieds & wanted to buy list. Sourcing parts is always challenging so we wanted to provide opportunities among our Chapter membership to participate.

**Ideas for Activities** — Marc Kramer is the Chapter’s “activities & events coordinator”, so please contact him with any ideas for activities that would be good for the whole of the membership.

**Ideas for The Front Bumper** — We welcome your thoughts on the new format and ideas for upcoming editions. Please reach out to Troy Saharic, our new Newsletter Editor for feedback and upcoming suggestions.

## HELPFUL CORVETTE LINKS

NCRS

<https://www.ncrs.org/>

NCRS NORTHWEST CHAPTER

<https://www.nwnocrs.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2822048221387415>

NCRS BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER

<https://bcc-ncrs.ca/>

CORVETTE FORUM

<https://www.corvetteforum.com/>

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/>

GM HERITAGE CENTER

<https://www.gm.com/heritage>

BLOOMINGTON GOLD

<https://www.bloomingtongold.com/>

CORVETTE MAGAZINE

<https://www.corvette-mag.com/>



www.nwncrs.org

## 2023 NW CHAPTER - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**Cost for Chapter Membership Renewal is \$25.00 per year.**

Joining or renewing can be done on our Chapter website at <http://nwncrs.org/membership.html> or **make a check out to NW/NCRS** and send to our Membership Chairman, Mary Reid.

Please send this form and payment to:

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Sherwood, Oregon 97140-7055  
(503) 625-9104 or [maryl.reid@comcast.net](mailto:maryl.reid@comcast.net)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ NCRS member number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include area code) (Found on the Driveline Mailing label, Must be a NCRS Member)

Year(s) and Model(s) Corvettes Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include your e-mail address so we can keep you informed of upcoming activities)

The member by this membership does hereby undertake and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Chapter, its officers, directors, or assigns for any acts or omissions to act which may result in theft or damage during the course of any meet, tour, program or event of any nature whatsoever in connection therewith and wherever located, which the Chapter may sponsor. The member does so voluntarily and the member agrees to assume the risk of any and all damages to his automobile without recourse to the NW/NCRS Chapter.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_





## NORTHWEST CHAPTER of the NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS' SOCIETY (NW-NCRS) Membership Meeting Minutes Date: 11-19-2022

### Call to Order:

Dan Johnson called to order the regular meeting of the NCRS NORTHWEST CHAPTER at 11:45 AM on November 19, 2022 at Dan Johnson's Garage in Woodinville, Washington.

### The following persons were present:

#### Officers of the Chapter:

- [Yes] Chairman: Dan Johnson, 425-864-4068 chairman@nwnocrs.org
- [No] Vice Chairman: Marc Kramer, 425-357-9240 vicechairman@nwnocrs.org
- [No] Membership Chairman: Mary Reid, 503-625-9104 membership@nwnocrs.org
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- [No] Treasurer: Valerie Johansen, 425-869-9533 treasurer@nwnocrs.org

#### Area Coordinators (Directors) (Voting Position):

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- [No] Portland Area, NW Oregon & SW Washington: Dean Sprecher, 503-570-8668 dean.sprecher@frontier.com
- [Yes] Seattle Area, NW Washington & Puget Sound: Bob Johansen, 425-286-9779 rjohansen@comcast.net
- [No] Eugene Area: Karl Hallstrom
- [No] Spokane, Coeur D'Alene, E. Washington & NW Idaho: [POSITION VACANT]

#### Total Count: xx Quorum for a Membership Meeting

A total of 17 members were in attendance [Note: 17 people total attended, with 0 non-members]

#### Advisors to the Board (Non-Voting):

- [No] Past Chairman: Mike Doty, 509-480-0790 corvettemikenw@charter.net
- [No] Historian: Bert Lukens, 541-330-0277 abclukens@aol.com
- [Yes] Past National Regional Director: Region VIII: John Paul Nelson III, 206-567-5433

#### National Regional Director:

- [Yes] Director: Region VIII: Bob Johansen, 425-286-9779 rjohansen@comcast.net

#### Chairman

- Approval of minutes from last meeting—Dan Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from March 16, 2022 meeting (Dan Johnson's garage). Seconded and the minutes were approved.
- Dan acknowledged two new members in attendance (Dan McDowell and Mark Neitzel). There are 11 new members added in the last half year.
- There was a discussion of protecto- plates and how they are different in Canada.

#### Pending Items:

- Mentor Program for members.
  - ⇒ Action: Dan to build program outline
  - ⇒ Still an open item
  - ⇒ Dan reached out for volunteers to support the program. [No volunteers at this time].
  - ⇒ Dan has been acting as mentor for those that have reached out for help.
- Dan sent out a call for chapter officers on March 10th. Please contact Dave McLeod or myself if you have an interest in any of the officer positions. We will have an election in September, if there are any volunteers or nominees. (Nobody has made nominations or volunteered, so current board remains unchanged)
- We need a new "area coordination" for the Eastern Washington area, since Mike Doty has resigned that position



## NORTHWEST CHAPTER of the NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS' SOCIETY (NW-NCRS) Membership Meeting Minutes Date: 11-19-2022, Continued

### Directors Reports:

Membership Chairman Report: (By Dan Johnson for Mary Reid)

- We sent out the updated roster via NCRS "mass email"...assuming everyone got it
- We have 113 PAID Members (families) for 2022 at this time.
- There are still quite a few members that have not renewed for 2022 and we are in the process in removing them off the chapter roster and will not receive chapter privileges. One more notice may be sent

Vice Chairman: (By Marc Kramer)

- Marc is on vacation and Dan asked for ideas from the membership for future activities.

Judging Chairman: (By Stewart Lowe)

- Seeking ideas for judging schools / tech sessions from National judging chairman for future events. Would like ideas from members
- A request was made for members to bring any school or tech session ideas to him.
- May ??(TBD) 2023 / NW Chapter Judging Meet (location – TBD). So far 5 cars to be judged.

Newsletter Editor: (By Troy Saharic)

- Latest edition of the Front Bumper issued

Webmaster: (by Marc Kramer)

- Marc is not present, but continues to update our chapter website and you should check it out.

Treasurer Report: (By Valerie Johansen – presented by Dan Johnson)

- Chapter in very good financial condition.
- If anyone wants specific information on financial information... please contact Valerie directly.

Regional Rep Report: (Bob Johansen)

- Next National Board Meeting is coming up in February 2023. (deadline for members to submit any issues they want Bob to address is January 1st 2023)
- Meeting will be conducted on ZOOM.

Secretary Report: (by Dave McLeod)

- No new activity

### New Business:

- We are in planning stages for Summer 2023 Chapter judging meet. Call has been sent out for volunteers to host the event (4 have volunteered so far). And call out for members looking to have cars judged and have received 5 requests so far. Mid May is current plan...more to follow. Either Puget Sound or Southern Washington is current plan.
- Troy Saharic has taken over the role as Newsletter Editor. The first edition was excellent, if I must say so myself.
- Upcoming Holiday Brunch to scheduled for December 4th in Olympia. RSVP to Marc Kramer o Introduce new chapter members
- We would like to welcome some recent new Chapter members; Mark Pellowski, Sterling Sobczak, Rob Wright, Daryl Scheckla, Jim Merrilees, Glenn Clemens, Rob Harbeck, Dan McDowell, Mark Neitzel, Ernie Carpenter and Bob Sutton
- Bob Johansen mentioned that the Corvette Museum is celebrating a 70th anniversary and they are looking for cars of each generation in all categories of awards to be displayed. Reach out to Bob if you are interested. See excerpt from promotion for further details at the end of these minutes.\*\*\*



## NORTHWEST CHAPTER of the NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS' SOCIETY (NW-NCRS) Membership Meeting Minutes Date: 11-19-2022, Continued

**Upcoming Activities** - see chapter website for up to date activities:

- May ??(TBD) 2023 / NW Chapter Judging Meet (location – TBD)
- July 23-27, 2023: 2023 National Convention (French Lick, IN)
- June 3, 2023 / BC Chapter – Chapter Judging Meet (no covid restrictions at border at this time)
- December 4th / 2022 Holiday Brunch – (Olympia, WA)

**Any questions / comments / new business from the members?**

- Dan mentioned a donation to the National for grants have been made in the past. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$1,000.00.

**Adjournment:**

- Dan motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion was 2nd and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM

**Minutes submitted by: Dave McLeod 11-19-2022**