



# Midway USA Tune Up

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**Midway USA Chapter Meeting**

**June 10, 2023  
9:00 am**

**CAR SHOW  
June 17**

**Davis-Moore Chevrolet**

## Chairman Ramblings- Rick Smiley

I would like to welcome our newest Chapter members, Edmund Sipols from Hollister, Mo.

**REMEMBER** our monthly meeting Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> at Davis-Moore

As most of you know, our Car Show that was to be held on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> was cancelled due to rain. The show will now be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> same time same location. We will still need help setting up at 8:00 am, running registration, serving food, and tear down after the show. Please support your club by helping put on the best Corvette show in town.

The weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup> also had two National events, one being Bloomington Gold and the other being the

NCRS Pittsburgh Tri-State Regional in Altoona, Pa.

I do not believe that we had any Chapter members at Altoona, Pa. But I know for a fact we had several members at Bloomington Gold. Speaking of GOLD, my good friend Brad Hillhouse and fellow chapter member cleaned up at Bloomington. His Red 650 mile Coupe achieved Blooming Gold, Survivor and Benchmark awards at Bloomington. From what I have seen, while there he gained the attention of Mid-American Motor Works with a write up on their web page. Not to be outdone Corvette Blogger also did a piece on Brad's car. But the crowning touch was when he received an invite to the MCACN (Muscle Car and

Corvette Nationals) show in Chicago, IL in November as one on the feature cars!!! Way to go Brad!. I always knew you would make it big some time. (See pictures and short article later in newsletter.)

Hope to see everyone Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> at Davis-Moore and then again on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> for our annual All Corvette Show.

**Rick Smiley  
Chairman**

Editor's Note: Nebraska's Judging meet will be covered in July's newsletter. Having trouble downloading pictures.





**Did You Know?**

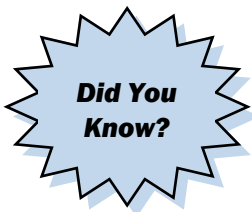
To clarify the Did You Know questions and answers from the May newsletter:

Only one 1983 model Corvette is known to have existed. Key word here is model. It is on display at the National Corvette Museum. Due to quality issues, GM stopped production of Corvettes in 1983, making this car one of the rarest Corvettes. Sixty of the cars were produced, but only one was kept the other 59 were destroyed.

Question for June:

Why was the 1979 Corvette Indy pace car painted black and silver?

(See Page 8 for Answer)



**NCRS Events Calendar**

(National & Local)

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

Or click the [underline link](#) for registration then enter your NCRS Forum credentials then click the event to register

**2023**

- Jun 8-10 North Central Regional—Rochester, MN
- Jun 10 Chapter Meeting
- Jun 17 Midway USA All Corvette Car Show
- Jul 8 Chapter Meeting
- Jul 23-27 National Convention—French Lick, IN
- Aug 12 Chapter Meeting
- Sep 9 Chapter Meeting
- Sep 14-16 Ontario Regional
- Oct 14 Chapter Meeting

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**Midway USA Chapter Merchandise**

Midway USA Chapter Banner  
 Sizes Available 10" x 20" 13¼" x 23½"  
 2' x 5' \$25 min order requirement  
 X-Press Signs & Graphics  
 5830 W. Hendryx Ave. Wichita, KS 67209  
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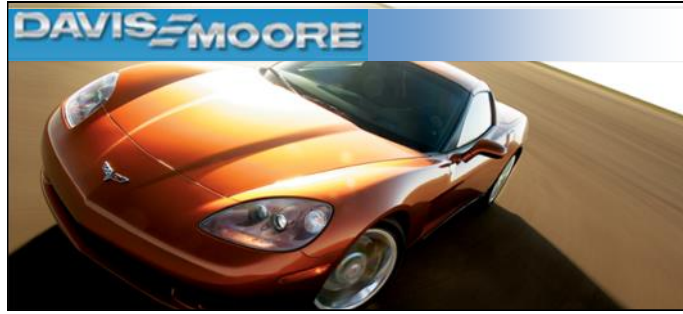
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## McPherson College Motoring Festival on Saturday May 7th – Dale Green

Midway USA NCRS chapter members took the opportunity to show their Corvettes at the McPherson College Motoring Festival on Saturday May 7th.

Casey Coats 1959 brought home a trophy and blue ribbon for Best in Class 1955 - 1964.



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## McPherson College Motoring Festival on Saturday May 7th — Dale Green (Continued)

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Mike Rowley showed his 1971 coupe. Dave Dennis accompanied his son who showed a 1971 coupe. Dale Green showed his 2014 convertible.



Our local South Winds Corvette Club organized a display of at least two Corvettes of each generation specifically for this show. Several of our NCRS members are also members of South Winds Corvette Club. There were 22 beautiful Corvettes on display in the Corvette corral.

See attached photos showing 2 of each generation!

We were also graced with the presence of the National Corvette Museum's C8 promotional car. Dan Garrett who is the Maintenance & Vehicle Preservation Supervisor representing the National Corvette Museum. The museum frequently hosts interns from the McPherson College Automotive Restoration program and are fortunate to be hosting two students this summer.



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## McPherson College Motoring Festival on Saturday May 7th.

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More information on the program can be found here.

McPherson College stands alone as the only school to provide a bachelor's degree in Restoration Technology.

[Auto Restoration](http://mcpherson.edu) [mcpherson.edu](http://mcpherson.edu)



The Auto Restoration program is completing a multiyear restoration of a 1953 Mercedes-Benz that will be judged this year at Pebble Beach Concours D'elegance.

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## Oklahoma Judging Meet April 29 Pictures by Vinnie Paulsen

The pictures on the following page are from the Oklahoma Judging meet in Stillwater. The following Midway USA members attended: Dallas and Kerri Keller, Dave and Jo Houlihan, Rick and Bev Smiley, Seth, Vinnie, and Sophie Paulsen, Casey Coats, Brad Hillhouse, Gene Holtz.

The venue was super nice, as you can see in the pictures. We had two very nice cars to judge. There was also another car that we critiqued for the owner so that he could have it judged in the future.



Pictures from Oklahoma Chapter Judging Meet April 29 – Vinnie Paulsen



# MIDWAY USA CHAPTER OF NCRS

*PRESENTS*

## ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW

**Rain Date**

**Saturday, June 17, 2023**

**9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Meal Deals will be available

Awards for each

Generation of Corvette

Join Us At

***Davis-Moore Chevrolet***

8200 W. Kellogg, Wichita, Kansas



**DAVIS MOORE**



***\$20.00 Entry Fee Per Corvette***

**All Proceeds go to Benefit The American Cancer Society**

## Report from Bloomington Gold—Dave Houlihan

Some photos from Bloomington Gold if you want for newsletter attached.



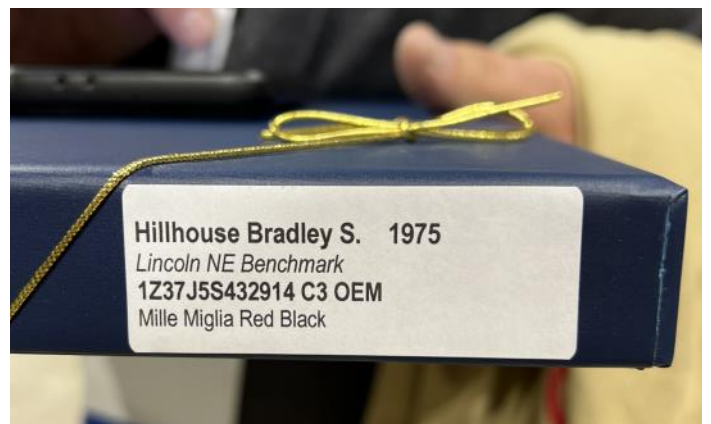
## Report from Bloomington Gold—Dave Houlihan (Continued)

Brad Hillhouse's 1975 Mille Miglia Red Benchmark car attracted great attention. This 651 mile time capsule had folks gathered 'round it all the time. Bumpers, front and rear, have seriously deteriorated - what happened and why, gave folks insight into these early rubber bumper cars. Several folks also commented on their own low mileage Corvettes with similar bumper "issues". "Mid America Motor Works (Corvette)" gave this car a shout out on their Face Book page, as did "Corvette Blogger" on Face Book.

You may have seen this Corvette at last year's Texas Regional. Although this 651 mile Corvette was determined not to qualify for NCRS' 4 Star Bowtie judging, other organizations have recognized it's value. You can see it at Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals (MCACN) this November in Chicago. Brad was requested to bring his 1975 for use in an originality school presented by MCACN Owner Bob Ashton.



Congratulations Brad!



## Swap-N-Shop Wanted

### Unloved Corvette Wanted

I know that the C3 body style, particularly the plastic bumpers ones are the ugliest and most unloved Corvettes of all time. Underpowered, uninspired styling, boring, I've heard it all. Regardless, I love the C3 body style and want to learn more about them by purchasing, repairing, preserving and then working thru the NCRS judging system. Many of you know I have had a 1981 for 20 years, and this summer I purchased a 1979 that had been sitting untouched for years. It has been so fun learning the differences between my 1981 and this 1979 and the nuances of each car. If you know of a 1974-1982 Corvette that has been sitting unloved in the garage, let me bring it back to its former glory. The prior owner of my 1979 has been thrilled to see her baby back on the road again and earning awards as I have kept her updated with the progress from unloved to Top Flight. Thank you for any leads!

Brad Hillhouse

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### Services Available

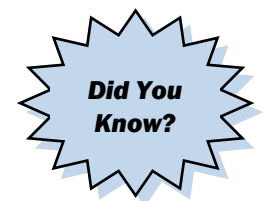
National NCRS member, Lindsey McElhaney (60247), has the capability to remove C3 broken headlight mounting screws and repair threads in the lid. If you are in need of this service, contact Lindsey at 316-641-5138 for more information.

## Did You Know Answers (Continued from Page 2)

Question for June:

Why was the 1979 Corvette Indy pace car painted black and silver?

The 1979 Corvette Indy pace car was painted black and silver in order to photograph better, given that newspapers printed in black and white.



## Swap-N-Shop For Sale

### FOR SALE:

Gas Tank Anti-Squeak Pads for C2/C3 - Thick like factory originals, 2 & 3 inches wide Pair \$20.00 plus shipping.  
Call Dallas Keller (316) 200-4125

1968 Only Wheel (1) K18 5 13 AG—\$150

Set of 4 NOS Valve Stem Extensions for '68-'73 PO1 and PO2 Hubcaps \$200 per set plus shipping  
Call Dallas Keller (316) 200-4125

### Hard to Find:

Headlight Washer "Y" 1969 only  
Nice Reproductions \$20.00 plus shipping  
Call Dallas Keller (316) 200-4125



Auto Twirler Corvette Rotisserie and Body Cart Includes the optional short center sections and wheels. Rotisserie is red and body cart is black. Both are powder coated. \$3000.00 firm. Pick up in Wichita, KS.  
Dallas Keller (316-200-4125)



Shown with Optional AT-CV-WHEEL-ASSY Assembly Wheel Set

1 Gallon of DuPont Lucite Acrylic Lacquer Paint. DuPont Code 2930L  
1959 Corvette Crown Sapphire Turquoise  
1 full gallon - Mixed on 10/07/1982  
\$100.00  
Kent - (316) 393-2192

## Swap-N-Shop For Sale

1965 Close ratio Muncie 4 speed. Main-case # 3851325, mid-plate #3857584, side cover #3831707. Date P0312 (March 12th) NO V.I.N. ON CASE. 7,000 miles on rebuild by Tom Parsons with upgrade to 1 in cluster shaft and 26 spline input. Comes with new power torque pressure plate and good clutch disc and rear yoke. \$1,000.00  
Gene Holtz 405-317-3919

### Bowtie Breast Cancer Awareness Pins \$5.00 each



## Swap-N-Shop Wanted

Looking for original 1992-1996 factory Corvette C4 exhaust. I bought a 1994 with an exhaust system that had been modified by the prior owner and I am trying to put it back to stock. From the factory, the entire "cat back" portion of the exhaust was one big welded system all the way back to the mufflers. I don't need the exhaust manifolds or catalytic converters or O2 sensors. Prefer the 92-96 version with the black rectangle exhaust tips as shown in this photo.  
Brad Hillhouse 402-730-6898  
[bradhillhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:bradhillhouse@yahoo.com)



## Meeting Minutes - Midway USA Chapter of NCRS, Inc.

Minutes Prepared by Jim Coote

The May 2023 monthly meeting was held on the 6th and called to order at 9: ish A.M. by our chapter Chairman, Rick Smiley. There were 13 members in attendance, 10 in person and the others via Zoom. The Zoom was thanks to our Vice Chairman, Seth Paulsen, who was re-trained by Dale Green so that he could substitute for Dale who would be absent today for the meeting.

Before Rick could open the meeting by welcoming everyone, Dale Green appeared on the screen wanting to show us what he found at a car show which was being put on by McPherson College in McPherson, 60 or so miles to the north of Wichita. Dale and a few others of our members who belong to another Corvette club answered a plea by the school to help them with their show by supplying at least two of every generation of Corvettes. From what Dale showed us by his camera, South Winds Corvette Club did a great job for McPherson College.

When Dale was through, Rick started out announcing that we would again have our Attitude Adjustment Hour this month at Big's Bar and Grill, starting at 6:00 PM on the 25th. It goes until everyone has their attitude adjusted. If you haven't tried it, try it sometime, maybe this month!

Dallas Keller, the one responsible for keeping track of our monies, was asked to let us know how much we have. He responded with \$3,770.45 after he spent some on next month's car show. The savings of \$100.00 stays secured so that we don't have a fee for our checking account.

The Secretary was asked if he had anything to say, and the answer of yes which shocked Rick. Apparently, the secretary was trying to answer the quiz in the newsletter concerning how many 1983 Corvettes were produced and was shocked after looking at the answer. How could only one be produced but 59 were destroyed? Our editor said the information came from another source and essentially it was just a quote! I guess it's like Google. Disregard half of what you read and question the rest.

Since Gene Holtz of Oklahoma was not available to Zoom in on us today, Rick wanted to express what a great Judging Meet the Oklahoma chapter put on last Saturday. Several members of our club went down to help judge and to eat the pizza. Seth and family were in attendance and while Seth helped in the judging, Vinny took pictures which hopefully will be in the next newsletter. Rick was mesmerized with the '58 that was there, not for judging but only so that he could drool over it.

Rick was expecting someone, namely Brad Hillhouse, to update us on the Nebraska Judging Event which will be next weekend, but a spokesman was not in attendance today. If you've forgotten the details, they are in this month's newsletter.

Kent was asked about the All Wheels Car Show at Lake Afton which will be on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Rick was particularly interested in when he could get his shirt! I'm sure you too have noticed that he doesn't have enough automobile shirts!

Dallas was asked to bring us up to date about our club's "All Corvette Car Show" (as opposed to All Wheels) which is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a rain date of the 17<sup>th</sup>. He felt quite confident that everything was coming together just fine, including insurance for the event (a first for our show!), awards for the guests and even a few for any cars exhibited by members of our club, food again from O'Reilly's Auto and a representative from the American Cancer Society to present the Society's award. He again pleaded for donations from our favorite eatery or other retailers we frequent to be used for "Goodie bags" to hand out to exhibitors. And of course, help is needed to set up tables and other equipment used for the show which the Keller's load up and unload at home where they store them for our use every year. Mike Rowley has arranged KEYN to announce the show to give us a little extra publicity.

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Kent Michael was asked about the Air Capital Corvette car show which he said is next Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. It is being held this year at Davis-Moore Chevrolet from 10AM until 2PM. There will be a food truck and music for your enjoyment.

Rick said that we need a car to judge. Larry Thornburg, a new member, has indicated that he'd like his '69 to be judged. Someone said that they were not sure if he wanted the club to identify issues for him to fix or if he was willing to have it judged now. Next time he is here we will ask him.

Someone, I'm not at liberty to reveal their identity, brought up an issue discussed somewhat on the Tech Board concerning the National's ownership rights of material published by member clubs. Many eye brows were raised, but not many of us got in on the discussion, probably due to a lack of knowledge of the subject. My guess it would have helped if we had seen some of the discussion on the TB. Contact someone whom you know spends their mornings on the board if you need to know more!

That last subject motivated the Chairman to call an end to the meeting at 9:50 AM.



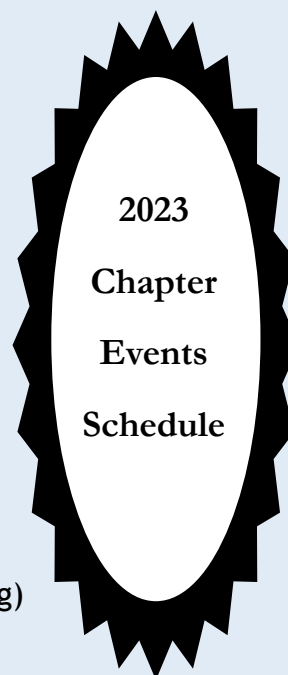
One of our missing members on the right. Richard York





2023

- Jun 10 Chapter Meeting
- Jun 17 **Midway USA Chapter Annual All Corvette Show**
- Jun 22 Attitude Adjustment (Big's Bar & Grill—6:00)
- Jul 8 Chapter Meeting
- Jul 23-27 NCRS National Convention – French Lick, IN
- Aug 12 Chapter Meeting
- Aug 24 Attitude Adjustment (Big's Bar & Grill—6:00)
- Sep 9 Chapter Meeting
- Sep 14-16 Ontario Regional – Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum
- Sep 28 Attitude Adjustment (Big's Bar & Grill—6:00)
- Oct ??? Chapter Meeting (need to discuss date at June 10 meeting)
- Oct 19-21 Texas Regional – Frisco, TX
- Oct 26 Attitude Adjustment (Big's Bar & Grill—6:00)
- Nov ??? Chapter Meeting (need to discuss date at June 10 meeting)
- Dec ??? Midway USA Chapter Christmas Party
- Sep 7-11, 2025 - NCRS National, South Pointe Casino, Las Vegas, NV.



National New Information Page

In case you have not seen this on NCRS Technical Discussion Board, the link below takes you to a new information page with links to current NCRS announcements and documents.

<https://www.ncrs.org/contact/documents.php>





Date \_\_\_\_\_ NCRS Member # \_\_\_\_\_

National Corvette Restorers Society  
**Midway USA Chapter of NCRS**  
<http://www.midwayusancrs.org>  
**Membership Application**

Member \_\_\_\_\_

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

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

List of Corvettes:

Year	Color	Style	Additional Comments for Corvette
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Restoration Experience (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Midway USA Chapter of NCRS in Wichita, KS**

promotes the enjoyment, preservation and restoration of Chevrolet Corvettes.

We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. at Davis-Moore Chevrolet 8200 West Kellogg.

The National Corvette Restorers Society is a non-profit hobby group of thousands of families dedicated to the restoration, preservation, history and enjoyment of Corvettes. Membership in the National Organization is required in order to join local chapters. Below is the website for the National Organization.

The NCRS has organized Local Chapters around the world. Local Chapters provide the opportunity to meet NCRS Members in your region who share your love of Corvettes and the restoration and enjoyment of these fantastic cars. Chapters hold local events such as Judging Meets, Judging Schools, Road Tours and occasional social events.

If you wish to get the total NCRS experience you need to belong to one or more Local Chapters. The NCRS membership is made up of people who join for the cars and continue for the wonderful friends they have made. The easiest way to be part of that experience is through membership in Local Chapters.

Chapter Membership Dues:

Midway USA Chapter of NCRS (\$25.00) \_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Nat'l NCRS Membership is Required. Register by Internet <http://www.ncrs.org/services/membership>

Nat'l NCRS Membership is **\$60.00** Register by Phone (513) 760-6277

Mail this application and check written to **Midway USA Chapter NCRS:**

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