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Thoughts from the Chairperson

Happy Spring!

I am happy to announce that our ILNCRS Chapter is getting back to our yearly events again. We have so many events planned this year. I hope to see all of you soon.

April 16, IL Judging School **Uftring Chevrolet**, Washington, IL – **just completed!**

May 13-14, IL Chapter Spring Judging & Road Tour, Pontiac Illinois, **Driscoll Motors**

July 17, IL Chapter Kickoff Party – **Moretti's**, Bartlett

More events are on this newsletter and the ILNCRS web site.

This is also the year for elections for the Chairman position and Membership Director. If you are interested in either position, please contact the board with questions and your list of qualifications. I have personally decided to run again as Chairman of this IL Chapter. I see many good things happening in the near future, and I am excited to be part of this change.

The IL Chapter is also in the process of looking for new editors. Ryan & Tina have assisted us with this job for many years and we will definitely miss them. Thank you, Ryan and Tina! Please let us know if you are interested in the Illinois Chapter Newsletter Editor position.

I would also like to congratulate Shannon Urton, as the new NCRS National President. We look forward to working with Shannon in her new role.

I hope to see you all soon.

Bill Braun- ILNCRS Chairperson

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ILLINOIS CHAPTERS' 44th. YEAR

"SHUTDOWN 2022"

Illinois NCRS
2022 Chapter Meet
Pontiac Illinois May 13th.-14th.



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2022 ILNCRS Calendar of Events

May 13	IL Chapter Judging Meet Road Tour to Pontiac
May 13-14	IL Chapter Judging Meet – Hampton Inn by Hilton & Driscoll Chevrolet - Pontiac, IL
July 17 (NEW!)	IL Chapter Kickoff Party – Moretti's, Bartlett
August 13	Charity Event – Road Tour to Morris - Cruise Night and Dinner
September 10	Meadowdale Judging Meet
October 23	Fall Color Drive to Technical Session Location TBD
December 4	Holiday Party Location TBD

Other Events

April 28-30	Indiana Chapter Regional Meet
May 21	South Carolina Regional
June 3-4	Wisconsin Chapter Meet
June 10-11	Bloomington Gold, Back in Bloomington this year
June 12	Tri-Chevy Car Show and Swap Meet
July 24-28	NCRS National - Mobile, Alabama
August 26-28	Corvettes at Carlisle
November 19-20	Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals



Illinois Chapter NCRS Spring Chapter Judging Meet May 13th. & 14th. 2022 Pontiac, Illinois- Hampton Inn

Host Hotel & Check-in: Hampton Inn by Hilton
2000 Grand Prix Drive Group code ILN
Pontiac, Illinois 61764 815-844-4400

5 Point Judging Meet

Operations: Friday May 13th 3 to 5 pm.

At Hampton Inn

Judging School: Friday May 13th 5 to 6 pm.

At Hampton Inn

Flight Judging: Saturday May 14th 8 am

At Driscoll Motor Co.

601 S. Newport Rd, ½ Mile away

Awards: Saturday May 14th,
after judging and tabulation is complete.



Driscoll Motors

Your did it, done it, and still dealin' dealer!

Judging Chairman: Jim Anderson, Gary Bosselman

Road Tour down Old Route 66, Friday, Time TBD

Sportsman cars are welcome to attend

Trailer parking available at Hampton Inn



Jolly Trolley Tours



Murals



Museums

Shopping

Restaurants

Attractions

Trolley Tour to Downtown Pontiac Friday and Saturday

Register for the Chapter Meet on line at www.NCRS.ORG

Bring your own chairs

<https://www.visitpontiac.org/2144/Things-To-Do>



ILNCRS Chapter Meet Road Tour

Friday, May 13th. 2022 to Pontiac, IL.

Drive your Corvette!!!

See many exciting sites on old US Route 66!

More Info: Chester Kumm 847-515-1427



The road tour start at the **Blues Brothers Copmobile**. We will drive south, On old Rt.66 past Chicagoland Speedway, then on thru Wilmington, Braidwood, Dwight, Odell and ending in Pontiac, IL.

(total tour is approximately 56 miles)

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| 10:15 am | Meet at the Blues Brothers Copmobile
2401 S. Chicago Street (Rt.53) Joliet, IL.(use Google maps or Mapquest) |
| 10:30 am | Start Road Tour. |
| 11:30am-12noon | Visit restored 1933 Texaco Gas Station, Dwight, IL |
| 12 noon-1:30pm | Eat at the Old 66 Family Restaurant 1 ½ blocks south, across from the Texaco Station |
| | Stop at the restored Standard Sinclair Gas Station, Odell, IL |
| 2:15-2:30pm | Arrive at Hampton Inn, Pontiac, park, check in. |



More information on the Road Tour:

Drive by the Chicagoland Speedway (NASCAR track) and US Route 66

Start driving on historic US Route 66!

Wilmington – see the famous “Gemini Giant” at the Launching Pad

Braidwood – Drive by the Polka Dot Drive In-

take pictures with Betty Boop, the Blues Brothers and more!

Dwight – visit the restored Standard Oil filling station from 1933

Odell – pass by the old Standard Sinclair gas station, in restored original condition! Built 1932 based on a 1916 Standard oil design



See this station now fully-restored!
Ambler-Becker Texaco Station



Odell Standard Oil Gas Station



Polka Dot Drive In

Iowa Chapter Meet at Karl Chevrolet, Stuart, IA. April 1 & 2.

Friday, April 1st, started the Iowa Chapter Meet in Stuart, IA. Friday afternoon was Operations Judging outside. Once completed, the Flight judged cars were moved into the New Car delivery area. Four cars were flight judged, one car was Concours judged, two Bowtie Display cars and a 1972 LT1 chassis was displayed.

Friday evening, we went over to the Iowa Chapter President's, Gary Neimanis, garage for dinner. Saturday morning brought sunshine and cold weather, but judging started promptly at 8:30am. I was the Team Leader for the 68 White Corvette.

We broke for lunch about noon and had a 1-hour judging school while we ate. The subject was the New Standard Deduction Sheet released at the Florida Regional.

3:00pm awards were presented, and we started cleaning up. I left about 3:30pm and headed home.

Very good meet. Good to see old friends and make new friends....

Gary Bosselman



ILNCRS April 16th. JUDGING SCHOOL

Hosted by Uftring Chevrolet, Washington, Illinois

Saturday, April 16, 2022, Illinois Chapter NCRS conducted a Judging school at Uftring Chevrolet in Washington, IL, a suburb of Peoria. Uftring is a large Corvette dealer in the Peoria area.

About 20-people attended from both the Illinois Chapter and the local NCCC club that Uftring sponsors. We did a PowerPoint presentation on Vin Tags and Trim Tags. Mr. Uftring sat in the audience and listened along.

Uftring Chevrolet is a new building after fire destroyed their old building a few years ago. We held the school in the entrance of the Service Department. Some of the local members drove their Corvette to the school. We put two of them in the service area for display.

Bill Greene, a member of our Illinois Chapter, had arranged sandwiches and chips for lunch, Uftring provided soda and water for us. Our presentation started about 1:15 pm and we wrapped up about 4pm.

I'd like to thank Bill Greene who set this up for us and Gary Uftring for their hospitality. A good time was had by all....

Gary Bosselman



2022 Louisiana Regional Meet, April 7, 8, 9, 2022.

Some pictures from Louisiana.

Illinois members attending: Gary Bosselman, Terry & Liz McManmon, Scott & Carol Lindee, Tom & Sue Walther, Steve Alexander, Don Heckenberg, Rick Coker, and Dennis & Lauren Michalowski. Also, congratulations to Brad Hillhouse achieving his PV.

Great cars, food and fun.



Converting Sealed Beam Headlights to LED:

As the original style sealed beam headlights get old, they do not illuminate the roadway as good. Same with me, as I have gotten older, my night driving (dark) seems to be hampered. I blame it on the bulbs, but we know better? Driving the newer vehicles with Halogen bulbs and/or LED lights tend to spoil you.

I drive my cars regularly. And I wanted to be able to see better. I also like my cars to appear original. Don't start throwing stones now... to each there own. I decided to convert my original headlight bulbs to LED bulbs. How? Read along.

As I said, I like my cars to look original. I bought a pair of used original T-3 headlight bulbs at a swap meet. The owner tested these beforehand, but they "Smoked" a little, so their life was toward the end anyways. Tools I used:

1. 1" diameter diamond hole saw. I bought it off eBay, brand name was Diamond Sure 1" Diamond Drill Bit. The sellers name was Diamondcrafttools. \$25.95 including shipping.
2. A pair of LED headlight bulbs. I bought them off eBay also, name brand 2x H4 9003 HB2 Super Bright CSP LED Headlight Kit High Low Beam Bulb White 6000K The sellers name was electronlike. \$11.48 including shipping for two bulbs. (as this article gets older, it was November 2021)
3. One tube of clear silicone caulk. You'll need a caulk gun also. I think the tube of clear caulk was \$2.98, ACE brand. They also make a high-temperature red silicone caulk, but I don't think these get that hot.
4. I have a small drill press tucked back in a dark hole of the shop. Not used much, but came in handy for this.

The first thing you'll want to remember is your working with glass !! It breaks easy. Don't ask how I know. One wrong slip and your looking for a dust pan. Take your time, go slow and be careful.

Step #1. You'll want to remove the three electrical connectors off the back of the bulb. See Photo #1. There are metal knobs molded into the glass. I used a cut-off wheel, see Photo #2. Go slow, cut a little, let it cool down. After all three terminals were cut off, I sanded them down



Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3

to the glass with a small belt sander. See Photo #3. Again, go slow, sand a little, let it cool down. You could use a hacksaw, sandpaper, but this gives you an excuse to buy more tools.

Step #2. I used a small diameter air filter to sit the headlight upside down on. See Photo #4. I set this on my drill press and aligned the center of the bulb with a small drill bit. See Figure #5. I used a small level and got the headlight level front to back and side to side.

Step #3. I put the diamond hole saw in the drill chuck, made a dam around the old connectors using Play-Doh. Of course, I played with it first. Using a spray bottle of water, I drilled with light pressure, sprayed water, continuing light pressure and kept the drill bit wet. See Photo #6.

Step #4. Now you have a hole in the back of the back of the bulb, and the inside is full of cutting debris and left over headlight parts. I used the kitchen sink and flushed it clean with warm water. I then added a few drops of Dawn dishwashing soap filled the bulb about 2/3 full. I shook it hard, then drained the water out. I then repeated the dish washing soap, filled the bulb with water and used a small brush to scrub the inside, see Photo #7. allowed me to clean the inside of front glass and the mirror inside the bulb. I drained the bulb again, rinsed it with clear water a few times. It came surprising clean, clear, and sparkly. I then let it dry overnight. You don't want any moisture to stay inside.



Photo #4



Photo #5

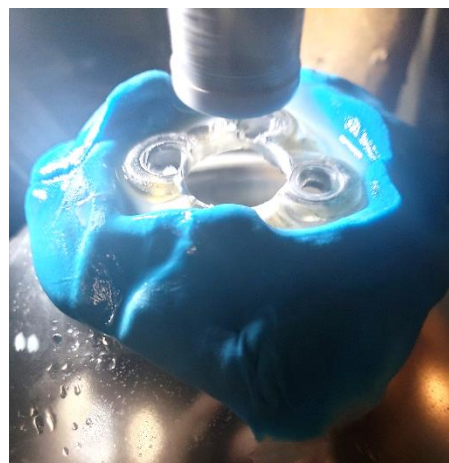


Photo #6



Photo #7

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Photo #8

Step #5. The following morning, I set the LED bulb inside the hole, a perfect fit, well centered. See Photo #8. I back filled around the bulb with the clear silicone caulk. Make sure the three empty holes are filled also. You don't want water getting into them. Let the bulbs dry again for 24-hours.

Step #6. Installation and test. The new lights visually look brighter, but early morning driving in the dark, there is a noticeable difference. I can see!! And no... nobody flashes their lights at me.

LED lights are brighter and draws less current. So, it's easier on the old wire harness. Try it, not hard to do.

Gary Bosselman

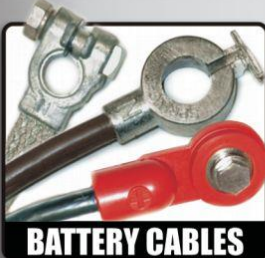
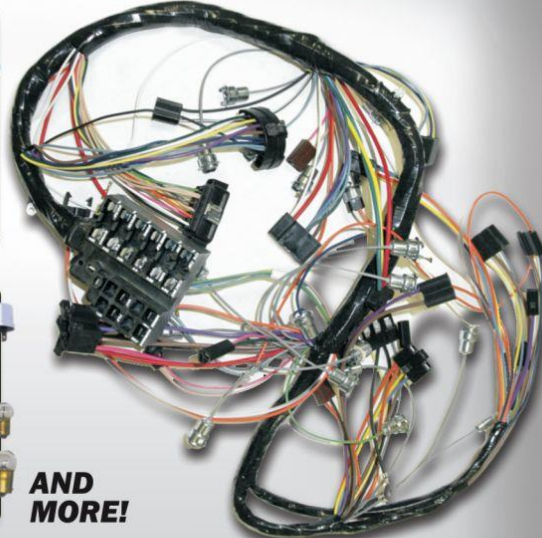


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Did you Know???

The Illinois Chapter has members from all over the country:

**8 from Wisconsin
3 from Florida
5 from Iowa
2 from Indiana
1 from Georgia
1 from Minnesota
1 from New Mexico**

**WELCOME New Illinois NCRS
Chapter Members!**

Frank Pope, Trent Thompson,
Alden Miles, Phillip Nomellini,
Steve Erickson, Ed Quackenbush,
Robert Mundo, Craig Miller,
Kevin Olszewski

The National Corvette Restorers Society names Shannon Urton as President.

PRESS RELEASE March 5, 2022

The NCRS Board of Directors has elected Shannon M. Urton to serve as the new President of the National Corvette Restorers Society effective February 24, 2022. Shannon has been an active member of the NCRS since 2009, is from the greater Cincinnati area, and serves as the Region II Director. She has a true passion for the integrity and judging standards of the NCRS as evidenced by her Red Hat and 400+ Master Judge® status. Shannon is excited to continue building the NCRS as a thriving community dedicated to the restoration, preservation, history, and enjoyment of the iconic Chevrolet Corvette. On behalf of the NCRS Board of Directors, Shannon would like to recognize both Mike and Sharyl Ingham for their many years of selfless service and significant contributions to our Society during his presidency. Shannon looks forward to continuing to serve the NCRS moving forward in her new role.



Members: I would like to add a classified section to the Illinois NCRS Newsletter. If you have a Corvette for sale, are looking to buy a Corvette or have parts for sale... Or are looking for parts for your restoration, I will insert it in next newsletter. Free to Illinois Chapter Members. Contact Scott Lindee at sal70lt1@yahoo.com

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

Driscoll Motors, Pontiac, Illinois
Host of our Spring Chapter Judging Meet



Driscoll Motors

Your did it, done it, and still dealin' dealer!

Uftring Chevrolet, Washington, Illinois
Host of our Spring Chapter Judging School



Comments on: Corvette Judging Reference Manual ("JRM"), 9th Edition

NCRS has released the latest laminated Standard Deduction Guidelines as of February 2022 (Rev. 7.0). This version supersedes the March 2019 (Rev. 6.0) edition.

I have reviewed the new version, and my comments on the changes that I found are listed below.

Scott Lindee

Here is the title of the new laminated reference guide and a list of the sections:



**National Corvette Restorers Society
Corvette Judging Reference Manual ("JRM"), 9th Edition
Standard Deduction Guidelines-February 2022 (Rev. 7.0)**

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**Any Originality deduction in excess of 90% automatically requires a
100% Condition deduction for that item.**

1. Engine Block cylinder Cases
2. Batteries
3. Tires
4. Windshields. Door Glass. Roof Panels. Plexiglas & Vinyl Windows
5. Headlamps
6. Stainless Steel or Aluminized Replacement Components
7. Altered Cars-Horsepower/Color/Interior
8. Trim Tag or Service parts Identification Label
9. Added or Deleted Options
10. Body Color
11. Body Paint
12. Body Fiberglass and Component Fit
13. GM Service Replacement, GM-Licensed Reproduction Parts and Non-OEM Parts
14. GM-Approved Dealer-Installed Accessories
15. Factory Recall Modification

Editors Notes:

There are no changes in deduction percentages from the previous version March 2019 (Rev. 6.0). The new laminated guide is now exactly what it is in the 9th edition 2021 Corvette Judging Reference Manual.

1. Under Engine Block Cylinder Cases

The changes are the wording "correct" it has been removed and/or replaced with appropriate or normally configured, and "incorrect" has been replaced with inappropriate.

11. Body Paint. (Paragraph C has been added.)

C. The presence of any vinyl film that is tinted or has a finish other than clear gloss. Total deduction for Originality and Condition.

The 2021, 9th. Edition of the Corvette Judging Reference Manual is available from the NCRS store for \$20.00. It contains the Standard Deduction Guide as well as the entire NCRS judging program.

Laminated reference sheets for Standard Deduction Guide, Body Color & Paint Guide, CDCIF & Condition Guide as well as Concours Deduction Guide are available at the NCRS store. Highly recommended for owners and judges.