



# Intermountain Chapter

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From the Chapter Chair.....Ned Smull

Greetings to all Intermountain Chapter Members: We have all experienced a long 2020 year of COVID 19 with shut downs and necessary NCRS event cancellations at the chapter, regional and national levels...fortunately I can now announce that your "chapter" is again open for business.

We held a virtual Board meeting in February and an in-person Board meeting in March. The March meeting was combined with training for judges and future judges regarding "standard deductions" and the application of the more recent "CDCIF" guidelines developed to standardize judging standards across the country.

Finally, we held our first Chapter Flight Judging event last Saturday, April 24th. The event was very well attended and was an outstanding success.

Additionally, the Intermountain Chapter is in process of adding a Flight Judging event at the end of August which will be hosted by Gary and Kayla Main in Post Falls and another event in the Boise area in October.

Further details on each will be provided as they become available. In this regard, I would encourage as many members as possible to reach out and participate at some level. The events not only offer an opportunity to have your Corvette judged but also provides an opportunity to increase your Corvette knowledge and an opportunity for fellowship with other terrific Corvette enthusiasts.

Thank you all for your past and continued support of your Intermountain Chapter!!

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## THE FORMATION OF AN NCRS CHAPTER.....MIKE DOTY.

At the 2010 NCRS regional in Bend Oregon, Stan Clements of Payette Idaho and Mike Doty of Yakima, Washington are having a conversation about Stan's cars and Stan mentions there is interest in Idaho to have a local chapter of the NCRS. The seed was planted but it would take years for the seed to sprout to life.

During a regional director campaign of 2017, questions were asked of Idaho NCRS members if in fact there was interest in a new chapter. There was interest in forming but the names of the members interested were not written down. Stan Clements did mention he didn't want to help in its formation.

July 17, 2018. Mike Doty approaches the NCRS president at the national convention in Las Vegas and mentions there is interest in a new chapter centered around Boise Idaho. The president mentions it is a lot of work and it took the Nevada chapter 3 years to form.

July 19, 2018. Mike Doty walks up to his friend Bob Smith to talk, and notices Carl Engle from Idaho is talking to Bob Smith, most likely about 1967 corvettes since both have special 1967s. Mike shakes Carl's hand, introducing himself and mentions the possibility of Idaho forming a chapter. Carl states "you need to talk to that guy sitting in that chair by the wall". That NCRS member is Carl's friend Bob Heffley. Mike walks over to Bob and starts a conversation. Sometime in early August, Bob makes a call to Mike and asks a lot of questions on chapter formation, we talk for hours with multiple conversations during the month.

9/2018. Due to a move from the Seattle area to Post Falls, Idaho, the northwest chapter's annual terminator party at Gary and Kayla Mains' home in September 2017 is postponed and moved to September of 2018. Mike asked Bill Hirning to make the journey to Post Falls to the terminator party which he did. Gary and Kayla Main, Jim and Chris Kline, Bill Hirning, Wayne Gibson, Mike and Tammy Doty were discussing the new chapter at the get together.



**THE FORMATION OF AN NCRS CHAPTER. (CONTINUED)**

2/2019. Heavy snows cut participating in the Puyallup swap meet to probably 33%, and the NCRS Seattle members didn't show up. The Mains, the Klines, the Dotys, and Dave Artz had dinner meetings both nights during the swap meet. It also was helpful that Dave and Mike were sharing a booth at the swap meet and are good friends. After returning home from the swap meet with positive feedback from all involved, Mike recruits more of his NCRS friends to the chapter while Bob Heffley is doing the same in the Boise area. Meanwhile, Ned Smull is hard at work preparing the application documents for the NCRS chapter approval.

Bob hosts the first chapter get together at his home in late April 2019 with over 20 members attending including the Klines, the Mains, and the Dotys, making the long trip. This was an impressive showing for a first event, a tribute to Bob recruiting a great group of members with a nice display of Corvettes driving to the event. There are many car shows around Boise in 2019 with Bob and the members in the area attending and building a foundation for the chapter in the area.

10/2019 After a few bumps in the road, we finally get approved as a chapter at the Board of Directors meeting at the Frisco, Texas regional meet. At that time, we were four members short of the minimum for the Idaho/Montana area, but since a new chapter is on probation for a year, the board granted a year to increase our membership.

10/2020. Due to the Corona virus with no events for the organization as a whole, our probation period was extended another year. Despite the lockdown, membership grows better than expected.

2021. The chapter, through the first 4 months, has had 2 judging schools, the NCRS required Flight judging event, 2 board meetings, and greatly surpassed their minimum member requirements.

From the Membership Chair..... Tammy Doty

Committee.....Bob Heffley

The Intermountain Chapter was approved by NCRS National in 2019 on probationary status pending the enrollment of the required 25 members in our designated area which includes Idaho and Montana. Our membership at application was 22 in ID-MT plus 9 in other states for a total of 31. Our Membership is currently at 62 Intermountain Chapter Members including 47 in ID-MT plus 15 in other states as of May 1st 2021.

Our ID-MT membership has more than doubled since October of 2019.

As your Membership Chairman, I have access to the National Membership Database to retrieve reports, which includes new members that have signed up as a National NCRS Member. It has been a very good source for Bob Hefley who is a Membership Committee member in putting together a packet for recruiting new chapter members.

Gene Spranget, our Vice Chairman, has also been using this tool to communicate with new members in the Montana area.

Thanks goes out to both of them and to our current members who continue to refer new members for our recruiting results!!!

Also, a big thank you goes out to all Intermountain Chapter members, for keeping up on your National NCRS dues. Just a reminder that if you have any changes in your personal information: address, phone numbers etc. it is up to you to go into your personal profile in the website [www.ncrs.org](http://www.ncrs.org) to update profile information.

<b>NCRS REGIONALS AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>2021</b>		<b>FEBRUARY 18-20</b>	<b>LAKELAND FL</b>
<b>MAY 13-15</b>	<b>SCOTTSDALE AZ</b>	<b>APRIL 7-9</b>	<b>KENNER LA</b>
<b>JUNE 10-12</b>	<b>CEDAR RAPIDS IA</b>	<b>APRIL 28-30</b>	<b>AUBURN IN</b>
<b>JULY 18-23</b>	<b>NATIONAL CONVENTION</b>	<b>MAY 18-20</b>	<b>GREENVILLE SC</b>
	<b>PALM SPRINGS CA</b>	<b>JULY 24-28</b>	<b>NATIONAL CONVENTION</b>
<b>OCTOBER 21-23</b>	<b>FRISCO TX</b>		<b>MOBILE AL</b>
		<b>AUGUST 18-20</b>	<b>REDMOND OR</b>

**INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS - 2021**

- JULY 24 - CORVETTES AND CLASSICS, MERIDIAN ID. (chapter display at Valley Corvettes show - tentative)
- AUG 28 - CHAPTER JUDGING EVENT, POST FALLS ID, Coordinator - Gary Main
- SEPT 10-11 - CORVETTES ON THE COLUMBIA - Mike Doty
- OCT 2 - CHAPTER JUDGING EVENT, BOISE ID, Judging Coordinator - Mike Doty, Event Coordinator - Mike Healy



Chapter Judging Class.....Mike Doty

On March 27, 2021, we held our first ever judging school which was successful with 18 chapter members participating. We had copies of NCRS judging sheets as well as copies of parts of the judging manuals so we could judge components using the standard deduction sheet on the main items that are on all Corvettes from 1953 to present. We used the engine block, battery, tires, windshield glass/side glass, and headlamps as examples that are used for standard deductions. We had carpet, an alternator, a starter, an original jack, and a Holley carb as items that are judged using the matrix CDCIF which stands for Configuration, Date, Completeness, Installation, and Finish.

Configuration translates to: Is the part being judged appear to have been installed at the factory?

Date means: Does the date of the part precede the build date of the car?

Completeness: means the part has nothing missing from it as it was complete when installed at the factory.

Installation translates to: Is the part installed correctly on the car?

Finish means: is the part naturally finished, coated, or painted as was the practice when the part was installed at the factory?

We judge as the car rolled off the factory assembly line. Dealer installed options which not part of the assembly line shall see a small deduction and not judged by us. A good example is the luggage rack on both the 1970 and 1972 that were in attendance for our school. I like the looks of the luggage rack on C3s, but opinions don't count.

Everyone who attended this school came away learning about NCRS judging and we had a lot of members checking out original and reproduction carpet for C2s. Carl's original alternator was a hit with some of the members also, and expensive to replace! We look forward to the judging event on April 24, 2021 in Boise as there will be an increase in learning again on the corvettes.

Thanks to Pat Pinkham for the use of his facility and to all who attended.



*Intermountain Chapter NCRS - Spring 2021 judging school - Eagle Idaho  
Ben Healy, Mike Healy, Barry Blossis, Bill Horning, Tammy Doty, Jim Kline, Ned Small, Mike Doty, Rob Marcus,  
Bob Heffley, Carl Engle, Tim Kellinski, Peter Janke, Pat Pinkham, Greg Boss, Chris Kline  
Left before photo: Sandy Blaser, Cathy Gordon*



Judging class cars



Pat Pinkham's 1972 LS5

Intermountain Chapter NCRS  
March 27, 2021 Judging school



Carl Engle's 1970 LT-1

Intermountain Chapter NCRS  
March 27, 2021 Judging school

Intermountain Chapter Flight Judging Event 4/24/2021.....Mike Doty, Mike and Bev Healy

Shortly after gaining approval in October of 2019, the chapter prepared for its first judging event. It was scheduled for 4/25/2020, with Bob Heffley, Mike and Bev Healy, Cathy Gordon, and others working very hard and long hours to make this event special. Gary and Merry Lou Stillwell offered up their nice shop to host the event. The judging event was going to be fabulous.

Then, the Corona Virus hit with statewide lockdowns, and most of the NCRS events for 2020 and early 2021 being canceled. We don't need to mention turning our normal lives upside down. After attempting to postpone the event a couple times, by early September, the chapter realized we needed to take a break and rescheduled the event for late April of 2021. The positive part of the nightmare of 2020 is your chapter team of workers putting on this judging event had the knowledge and determination to put on a very successful judging event even though there was a venue change as well as needing a new source for the food portion of the event. We can't thank them enough for all their efforts in supporting this inaugural event. We also need to thank Lupo Motors of Boise for allowing us to use their nice facility and enough room to comfortably judge the 3 cars.

For the members that missed our event, we had 3 cars judged with Greg Boss receiving a 2nd flight for his 1970 coupe, Carl Engle receiving a top flight for his 1967 coupe, and Steve Nistler receiving a top flight for his 1967 convertible. Congratulations on your awards.

Judging the cars were: Gary Main, Cathy Gordon, Tammy Doty, Mike Healy, Sandy Blaser, Jim Kline, Bill Hirning, Rob Marcus, Dale Osterman, Danette Sawin, Tom Harris, Bob Heffley, Pat Pinkham, Bill Headley. Signing up to observer judge were: Mark Grosvenor, Rendall Brushey, Russ Slifer, Tim Ketlinski, Mike Garrison, and a guest Floyd Sager, who helped with parking along with Rendall and Tim.

Chris Kline handled the tabulation of the scores, Roxann Dehlin handled photography and took 100s of pictures, and Mike Doty was the judging chairman. Our chairman, Ned Smull was talking to members as he watched the judging process run on all cylinders.

A huge thank you goes out to Bev and Mike Healy, Cathy Gordon, and their team for putting on a fantastic first judging event. We couldn't have pulled this event together without all the hard work and long hours spent by them for this day.



CHAPTER JUDGING EVENT (CONT'D)

A big thank you goes out to the judges. Most members don't realize the judges were studying the manuals leading up to the event as we knew this would be a lot of work and most judges had little or no experience judging on a NCRS judging field. Watching the teams judge the cars, you couldn't tell. I didn't see the stress level that accompanies these events. Thank you for your dedication. You did an awesome job. Mike Doty - Chapter Judging Chairman





## WHO WE ARE



The Intermountain Chapter of the NCRS is pleased to announce that after approximately one year of work provided by the membership in the formation process, the approval for the chapter was received at the NCRS Board Meeting in Frisco, TX on October 24, 2019. The new chapter is part of Region VIII and the approval was accomplished with the assistance and support of our Region VIII Representative/Director Bob Johansen. The chapter members and officers are now reflecting back at the formation year as we prepare our first NCRS Annual Report and are concurrently working on our first official NCRS Flight Judging Event scheduled for April 25, 2020 (see the Judging Registration Form in this issue).



Heffley and Mike Doty. Bob has been an NCRS member for 32 years with 18 of those years affiliated with the Southern California chapter. Bob provided a high level of energy, determination and persistence that could not be escaped. Mike is the Judging Chair for the chapter and has been an NCRS member for 24 years and a Master Judge for 6 years. He provided his enthusiasm and judging expertise that he willingly shared during the year.

#### Looking forward to 2020

As mentioned above, the Intermountain Chapter is preparing for its first Flight Judging event on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, we are tentatively planning to hold an additional Flight Judging later in the year as well as the potential for other special events. The April 25<sup>th</sup> event promises to be a very nice event for all participants and includes snacks and a meal. The time commitment being dedicated to this event by many chapter members/officers is considerable and greatly appreciated by all. We are anticipating that the event will be well attended.

The success during 2020 and beyond is highly dependent on continued additions to the Membership Roster. In this regard, the Intermountain Chapter is specifically serving NCRS members in the Idaho/Montana geographic area. We feel that the fellowship and special events offered through a chapter affiliation will be appealing to many NCRS members who have not enjoyed chapter membership in the past. We are estimating that over 40 current NCRS members within Idaho/Montana fall into this category. We are also accepting NCRS members from any bordering states that may or may not have a current chapter affiliation and find the Idaho/Montana Chapter convenient. Chapter membership has been growing and currently stands at 33 members. This consists of 24 members within Idaho/Montana and 9 members from bordering states. Membership information or requests for a membership application can be directed to: Tammy Doty (Membership Chair) (509) 560-0250 or Bob Heffley (Membership) (818) 219-9286.

#### New Chapter Introduction



#### Looking back on 2019

The chapter was able to accomplish the formation work required to form the chapter and combined it with a considerable amount of fellowship and fun. We held our first "unofficial" Board/Membership meeting in late spring combined with an outstanding display of Corvettes and an "unofficial" training session on C2 chassis judging with a power-point presentation. A number of members also participated in lowering bodies back on two C2 Corvettes later in the year and members participated in a practice judging which included a Flight judged car and a Concours judged car. Members also participated in a holiday get together in December. Additionally, it is important that the Intermountain Chapter acknowledge and give a special "shout out" to two of our members who were critical to the chapter formation process. They are Bob



Submitted By: Ned Smull, Chairman