

NCRS Report – November 2021

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This was a busy month for us as we are buying our retirement home in Montana and then stuck a NCRS Regional Event in Texas right in the middle of everything! I am so humbled to be under the tutelage of Chuck Berge, National Team Lead for the 68-72 model years. Shanon Urton who is a Regional Director, has been teaching me everything I need to know about Chassis. That has been my focus during my time at Nationals last July and again this last week in Frisco. She is a Level 400 Master Judge. An independent woman who knows Corvettes as well as anyone. She has been my guide through this journey. She resides in Ohio.

The Lone Star Regionals was held in Frisco Texas and there was a three day rotation of some of the most beautiful corvettes in the country.



This 67 is just an example of the cars that were in Frisco. I was an observer judge (trainee) for five C3 70-72 vettes. Every time I do this I learn more. My own 1970 is coming home soon and you better believe that I will be inspecting every part, nut and bolt! You literally learn your car from the inside out when you are a member of NCRS. I took a great fiberglass repair technical seminar and learned some great tricks. One trick that everyone with a fiberglass car can do to check for cracks is grab a bottle of wax and grease remover (Griots or Adams makes great ones), spray on your vehicle and a lot of cracks will be visible. If you let it dry – it will evaporate so make sure to keep a keen eye on it once your spray

it. It was demonstrated at Frisco and I was amazed. It's always a great peace of mind to know that I have no issues with my fiberglass.

On a side note – there was a interesting article in the “Driveline” this month that was called “It will never happen to me”. A gent from Oklahoma who has been working and loving his cars for over 35 years experienced a tragedy that would make any collector cringe when on a frigid morning this past February, in a detached garage containing several collector vehicles. He was using some space heaters in his garage and returned to his home to make a few phone calls. Upon returning to his garage, he noticed smoke starting to form around the door. He opened the door and black smoke rolled out. He tried to grab the keys and rescue his C7 but the flames had already started to consume the car, he had no choice but to retreat. He lost a 65 Grand Sport Replica, a C7 and a GT500. He reached out to the National Corvette Museum Insurance he had (I have been using them for all my collector vehicles for over 15 years). Within three weeks, he has a check in hand for his destroyed vehicles and was able to start rebuilding his collection. NCM routinely attends NCRS events. Fire is my biggest fear with my collector vehicles. Having a good insurance company is paramount. We all put love and a lot of cash into our dream cars. I would highly recommend them – and not just for your corvette. They insure my C3, my Trans Am, my 80 Ford F-350 and my Car Hauler – I have the highest limits possible with a zero deductible – for \$630 a year... almost sounds unbelievable. You can reach NCM for a quote at ncminsurance.com or 270-467-8848.

One item that I encourage all of my friends to have is a battery cut off switch. A great company is Savety



Switch. They make heavy duty brass and copper disconnects that attach directly on batteries without additional hardware. They are available in side and top terminal mounts. It stops battery drain and saves batteries during storage. Super affordable and can be ordered from Zip Corvette or through LGB Industries at 877-639-1691. During NCRS judging, extra points are awarded for installed battery disconnect switches.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEB 23-26 NCRS Winter Regional – Lakeland Florida

April 7-10 NCRS Louisiana Regional, Pontchartrain Center, Kenner Louisiana
July 2022 – NCRS National Convention – Mobile, Alabama