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NCCC President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

As I write this message, it is one week prior to the National Council of Corvette Clubs Annual Convention in Bowling Green, KY. If you attended this convention, I am sure you had a good time and have stories and memories to share with those in your club who were not able to attend. I have attended every convention in the last 42 years except for two. One I missed for a death in the family and another due to our home being flooded the day before we were to leave. I will say that I have enjoyed every convention we have attended and have memories and friends for life. I wouldn't trade any of this for anything. I hope those who were not able to attend or have never attended the NCCC convention will try and plan to attend next year in New Orleans. You would be amazed how much fun they are if you give it a chance.

Last month I wrote about the cost per month to belong to NCCC, less than a cup of coffee each month from Starbucks. One of the things I have not touched on are some of the other benefits of membership in NCCC.

Steve Johnson, VP of Membership prior to Amelia Workman taking over in 2017, wrote me an email after reading my August post. Steve and his wife Judy traveled to Cooperstown, NY to visit the Baseball Hall of Fame. The trip required an overnight stay before returning home. Using the **NCCC discount of Choice Hotels**, Steve was able to **save \$17** on the room rate. Traveling to take some laps at Watkins Glen required another hotel stay saving again. The two nights stayed saved more than the renewal fee for NCCC this fall. This is just another benefit of belonging to NCCC. There are many other discounts for members. Look on the NCCC Web Site and take advantage of all that is there.

As fall approaches I hope you have time to get involved with your club, a drive out to see something, an evening together at some interesting restaurant, or a club car show someplace. Enjoy the weather prior to winter, spending time with your club and members. You never know what interesting things you can find out just hanging out with your club.

September 9th Governor's meeting, nominations for officers are presented for 2018, the 2018 budget proposal, and the 2018 Convention presentation in New Orleans. Elected Officers positions open for 2018 are: **Vice President of Competition, Business Manager, Secretary, and Sergeant of Arms**. I encourage anyone interested in any of these positions; attend the September Governors meeting on September 9th at 12:30 PM in St. Louis, MO. There are over 200 hardworking NCCC members conducting the business of NCCC making sure all NCCC members receive the best and everything possible as a member of NCCC.

All appointed officers positions are open each year. Applications are on the Web Site. I will need an application filled out if interested, submitted to me by November 1st, 2017. The appointments will be made at the 1st meeting of the year 2018.

That is about all for now. Keep in mind there is not another Corvette organization around that provides as much as NCCC does to all members. *Not all things are visible in life.* Electricity powers many things we use every day, every minute, all the time. In my life *I have never been able to see the electric power*, but everything seems to work somehow? Much like NCCC, you may not see the benefits of belonging, but the results are there for everyone!

God bless you all, be safe, and have a great fall season.

*Dave Heinemann
President NCCC*



Greetings everyone! I just returned from Bowling Green and NCCC's 58th Convention. Martin and I had a great time attending parties, helping with the funkhana, going out to the track, experiencing the amazing Eclipse, and just generally catching with old friends and making new friends. I want to extend a big thank you to Richard & Deb and all the Convention staff for a fun and enjoyable Convention.

*Amelia Workman V.P. of
Membership*

The 2018 membership renewal season will begin on September 1 (or thereabouts). Can you say excited?! Governors can begin inputting into the membership database all the new members that have been held back during the month of August. (In October when the database is switched into "renewal" mode, these members will appear as "auto-renews" and will not be required to renew their membership until the fall of 2018.)

On or about October 9th the membership database will shut down for a few days to give membership time to "clean-up" database entries and get things in place to come back on line for clubs to begin processing renewing members and inputting new members. Governors will receive instructions from their regional membership directors (RMDs) when the database is scheduled to reopen.

The big change that will occur with this year's renewals is that renewing NCCC members will not be receiving a membership card(s) and packet in the mail as in previous years. Instead each member will receive an email from NCCC advising that their membership for 2018 has been received and processed. A membership card(s) will be attached to that email. It can be printed or stored on the member's phone and/or computer for future reference. For those members without computer access, their club Governor will be responsible for getting the card to each of their club members. **New NCCC members will continue to receive a hard membership card, decal, and patch--NO change.**

"The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll need to catch up." Please do not wait until the last minute to pay your dues for 2018. For NCCC club members, please

timely pay your dues through your local club; for members-at-large--please look for a notification from your regional membership director who will give you the renewal timeframe.

As we come into this time of year where we are reminded to count our blessings, I was reminded of how grateful I am for the friends that I have made through NCCC. It really is true - we joined for the car - we stay for the people.

Amelia Workman
VP of Membership