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NOVEMBER



DECEMBER

Thoughts from the Chairperson

Chairman's Message:

Hi Everyone

It was great to see so many people attending our Holiday Party this year, held again at Villa Olivia. Thank you to Joyce Colletti for once again picking out the perfect table centerpiece giveaway. I heard people wanted to make behind the scenes deals to get one. The food was excellent as always.

I hope all of you are looking forward to the 2026 NCRS events as much as I am. Sue and I just returned from the NCRS Regional held in Melbourne, FL. It was a great event. We had eighteen cars participate in the new NCRS Open Class. It was nice to see so many new models and old models all together at an NCRS event. For details about this new class, please contact your Judging Chairman, Chris Sherman. We had many ILNCRS members participating in this Regional. It was nice to be in Florida in the winter.

Our next event coming up is our Kickoff Part/Membership Meeting. Held again at Fox's Pizza, located in Mokena on Feb. 1, 2026. We have reserved the large Patio Room, so we have plenty of room to spread out. I look forward to seeing everyone there. You may see some old friends, as we have also invited a few local clubs to join us.

As usual, your Board of Directors have been busy planning our Spring/Summer events. We are excited to put together the list of the 2026 events. Please check this newsletter and our website to save the date on your calendars.

This year's NCRS National event is being held in Charleston, SC. We have a group of ILNCRS members who are planning on attending. If you are thinking of a summer vacation, please consider joining us. I hear Charleston is a fun and historic place to visit!

Thank you to all the members and Board members who participate in the ILNCRS Chapter. It is teamwork and friendship that make us successful! I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Congratulations to all the ILNCRS Chapter members, as we have achieved the Chapter Top Flight Award status again for 2025.

Bill Braun

ILNCRS Chairman



FUTURE ILLINOIS CHAPTER EVENTS INCLUDE:

ILNCRS Kick-Off Party – Fox’s on Wolf, Mokena, IL – February 1st.

ILNCRS Tech Session – Advanced Detailing and Paint Correction, All About Detail, Sandwich, IL - February 21st

ILNCRS Spring Road Tour & Judging Meet – Pontiac, IL - May 15th-16th

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Save the Date: Fall Color Drive Oct 18, MCACN Nov 20, Holiday Party Dec 6

WELCOME NEW MEMBER
TO THE ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Nicholas Panasenko 72978

**Congratulations to Bill Braun,
New NCRS Region 5 Director**

Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr 2026 NCRS COMING EVENTS

[01-03-2026 - 01-04-2026 Rocky Mountain Chapter RMC 2026 Holiday Party](#)

[01-10-2026 Queen City Chapter Technical Session \(No Judging Point](#)

[01-24-2026 Michigan Chapter Chapter Judging School C8 Ops](#)

[01-31-2026 Heart of Ohio Chapter Online School - Corvette Lights](#)

[02-21-2026 Carolinas Chapter Preparation for Flight Judging](#)

[02-28-2026 St. Louis Chapter Judging Meet - D&A Corvette](#)

[03-07-2026 Louisiana Chapter LA Chptr Spring Judging Meet](#)

[03-08-2026 Mason-Dixon Chapter Adams Chevrolet Spring Judging](#)

[03-13-2026 - 03-14-2026 Southern Arizona Chapter 2026 Spring Judging Meet](#)

[03-19-2026 - 03-21-2026 Southeast Chapter Southeast NCRS Spring Meet](#)

[03-20-2026 - 03-21-2026 Arizona Chapter Spring 2026 Meet](#)

[03-22-2026 Delaware Valley Chapter Delaware Valley 44th Run 4 Ribbons](#)

[04-10-2026 - 04-11-2026 Central California Chapter CCC/NCRS Spring Meet Clovis 2026](#)

[04-16-2026 - 04-18-2026 St. Louis Chapter 2026 Show Me Regional-Springfield MO](#)

[04-24-2026 - 04-25-2026 Heartland Chapter 's Spring Judging](#)

[04-24-2026 - 04-25-2026 Northern California Chapter 2026 NCC Spring Judging Meet](#)

[04-25-2026 Heart of Ohio Chapter Judging Meet](#)

2026 & 2027 NCRS COMING EVENTS

See website!
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*Show Me Regional, p74	April 16-18	Springfield, MO
*Pittsburgh Tri State Regional, p76	June 4-6	Altoona, Pennsylvania
NCRS National Convention p62-73	July 26-30	Charleston, South Carolina
Intermountain Regional, p78	September 17-19	Spokane, Washington
Texas Regional	October 22-24	Frisco, Texas
*Southern Arizona Chapter, p 80	March 13	Tucson, Arizona
*Southeast Chapter, p 80	March 19	Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
*Northern California Chapter p 81	April 24	San Rafael, California
*Carolinas Chapter p 81	May 1	Greenville, South Carolina
*Wisconsin Chapter p 82	May 2	Antioch, Illinois
*Adirondack Chapter p 82	May 8	Kingston, New York
*Southern California Chapter p 83	May 15	Ramona, California
*New England Chapter p 83	May 16	Carver, Massachusetts
*Ontario Chapter p 84	May 22	Concord, Ontario, Canada
*Northeast Chapter p 84	June 19	Brookfield, Connecticut
NCRS Corvettes@Carlisle Display p85	August 19-22	Carlisle, Pennsylvania

2027 Events

48th Annual Winter Regional	January 13-16	Melbourne, Florida
Carolinas Regional	April 8-10	Clemson, South Carolina
Adirondack Regional	May 13-15	Albany, New York
North Central	June 3-5	Rochester, Minnesota
National Convention	August 1-5	French Lick, Indiana
Texas Regional	October 21-23	Frisco, Texas

ILLINOIS NCRS MEMBERS AT MORRIS, ILLINOIS CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET OCTOBER 4th



ILNCRS FALL COLOR DRIVE AND CHARITY EVENT - OCTOBER 18TH



Meet at the Brauns' house





26 Attendees

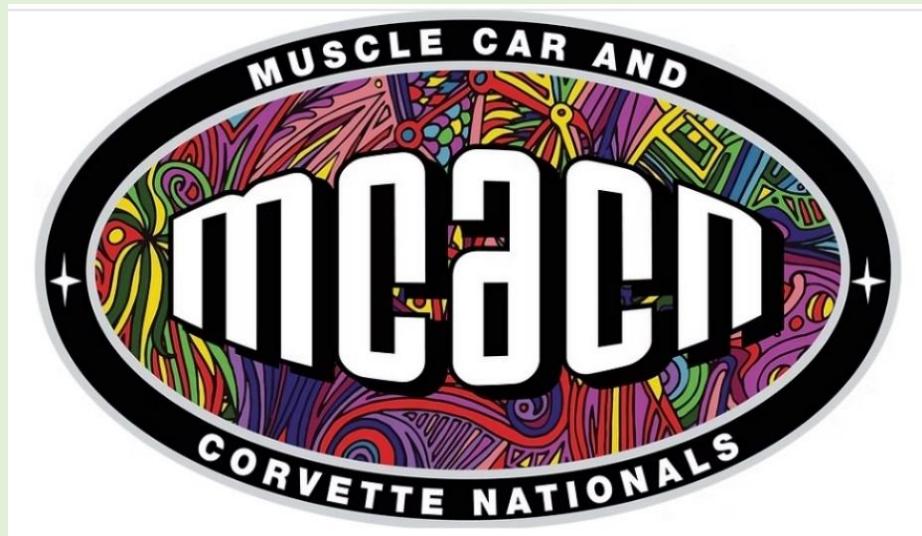






Color Drive Raised \$225 for Samaritans Purse Charity

ILNCRS Members at MCACN Show November 21-23



MCACN TRIPLE DIAMOND AWARD

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ILNCRS TOP FLIGHT WINNERS AT MCACN

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John Wellenkamp 1972

Tim Mickey 1960

Dominic Rossi 1966

Lisa Rose 2003

Rodney Wellenkamp 1975





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Illinois NCRS Christmas Holiday Party

December 6th





38 very happy
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our annual holiday
party



What Year Body is This?

Submitted by: Jerome Lardy & Chris Sherman

What Year Body do I Have – 1953, 54 or 55?

Back in June of this year, Scott K. posted this question to the Corvette Forum. He acquired this Corvette body from his brother Steve, who had passed away. Scott's brother owned the body for over 25 years and said it was a 1953. There was no chassis or parts with the car to help verify the year. The photos appear to show a Corvette Copper color which would be from 1955. As we know, these cars have probably been painted several times over the past 70 years. If it was copper, it would be extremely rare as only 15 were produced out of a total of 700 Corvettes for 1955.



Chris Sherman of our chapter reached out to Scott and had a lengthy phone conversation with him. Chris did note that the picture of the interior showed what appeared to be the transmission and shifter cover plate for a 1955 Corvette 3 speed. It is said that only the last 25 1955 Corvettes were built with RPO 224B, the 3-speed transmission. According to Nolan Adams book, The Complete Restoration & Technical Guide – Vol. 1, there were some other 3 speed cars documented prior to the final run but those were built as a pilot study for the late 1955 production run. Prior to late 1955, all of the 1953 and 1954 Corvettes came with a 2-speed Powerglide automatic transmission. The 1955 manual shifter was mounted on the side of the transmission. The 1953, 1954 & 1955 Powerglide shifter was mounted to the fiberglass transmission tunnel.



What Year Body Is This?

Chris reached an agreement to purchase the body and then started planning on how to pick it up. He reached out to me for help as the body was located at a farm in Harmony, MN. It was a true field find. I met up with Chris and we had a nice dinner and a couple of beers. The next morning after breakfast we headed out to the farmstead. Anybody familiar with Harmony, MN knows that it is very hilly and Amish country. Chris had borrowed a utility trailer that would hold the body (around 700#) as a car trailer would be overkill. Good thing he did not bring a car trailer as the farm was up a steep hill and then we had to go up another steep hill to the field. Chris had his 2-wheel drive pickup which is all they need in Illinois. Here in Minnesota, 4-wheel drive is the only way to go. Steve hooked up the trailer to his 4-wheel drive and was able to climb the last incline. There, behind the old barn was the '55 in all its glory. It was sitting on pallets and planks of wood. We were told it had been here for the last four years. Four of us lifted the body onto the trailer and it fit perfectly.



Chris started looking more closely at the Corvette and determined it was originally Harvest Gold with the green dash and eyebrow cover. You could see the original paint on the upper door panel, the windshield channel and where the eyebrow rail cover attaches to the dash. Though not as rare as Corvette Copper, Chevrolet only made 120 Harvest Gold models out of 700 total. Once we loaded all the loose parts in the back of Chris's truck we strapped down the body and headed back to Harmony for lunch and a celebratory beer. When Chris returned to Illinois, he had several friends unload the body onto one of Chris's body carts that he makes for his restoration business.





What Year Body Is This?



Chris brought the '55 to MCACN at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL as a display and tribute to the family. While at MCACN the car was awarded the Jerry Kohn Memorial Award by Corvette Central. The car will be restored by TiN Restorations and several parts are already in process.



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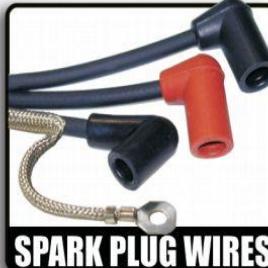
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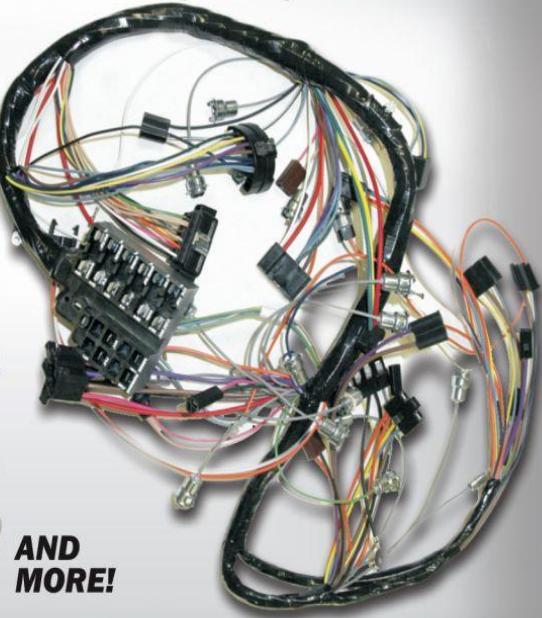


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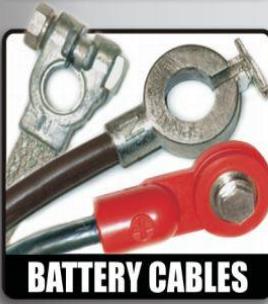
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