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GM RELEASES THE 2026 CORVETTE ORDER GUIDE

Thinking of ordering a new C8 Corvette? Well, just to stimulate your desires… Last week GM released the 148-page *2026 Order Guide* that details standard equipment and available options for all four versions of America's Sports Car, The Stingray, the Z06, the E-Ray, and the ZR1.

Corvette Forum user "MA Z06" was kind enough to promptly upload the information for fellow Corvette enthusiasts. That "*2026 Order Guide Released*" post can be found on the C8 General Discussion forum or you can find it at: https://www.corvetteforum.com/forums/attachments/c8-general-discussion-175/2026-order-guide-released-4926074/2026-order-guide-48393837d1748083466.

"MA Z06" also uploaded a single page .pdf document of 2026 Corvette Changes that summarizes a litany of changes ranging from two new colors, Roswell Green Metallic and Blade Silver Metallic which replace Rapid Blue and Sea Wolf Gray, to details about mechanical and trim upgrades. And yes, the refreshed console that eliminates the ski slope of buttons. Find it in the post by "MA Z06" or at https://www.corvetteforum.com/forums/attachments/c8-general-discussion-175/2026-order-guide-released-4926074/2026-corvette-changes-48393836d1748083465.

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Are you a Facebook user? If so, check out the St. Louis NCRS Chapter's Facebook Group. There are over 60+ members on board already. Catch up with the latest Chapter news, events, and judging accompishments. Share your Corvette news, photos, and even your need for parts or even just one more Corvette. When you log in to Facebook, search for the **NCRS St. Louis Chapter**. Join today!!

NEW NCRS ST. LOUIS CHAPTER APPAREL STORE

St. Louis Chapter Store now has apparel and gift store within the NCRS website. If you are on the NCRS.org homepage, simply click on the NCRS Apparel Store, scroll down to the eight NCRS Chapter Store at the bottom of the page and click on the St. Louis Chapter logo. Or, you can go directly to the Chapter store at: https://www.ncrsapparel.com/collections/st-louis-chapter

In the store you will find shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, caps, coffee mugs, executive bags, garage banners, and more… ***And… the chapter receives a 5% commission on all sales through the Chapter Store. This will help us fund future Chapter activities.***

CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Join us for our dinner meetings
6:30 PM on the third Tuesday of each month
The Sports Café, 3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO

Date		Activity	Location
June	6-7	Bloomington Gold	Bloomington, IL
	17	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	21	StL Chapter Picnic	Love Park, Manchester, MO
July	15	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	17-19	**Show-Me Regional**	**Springfield, MO**
August	19	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	21-23	Corvettes At Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
September	**7-11**	**NCRS National Convention**	**Las Vegas, NV**
	16	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	28	***StL Chapter Judging Meet***	Love Park, Manchester, MO
October	21	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	24-26	Lone Star Regional	Frisco, TX
November	18	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	22-23	Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals	Rosemont, IL
December	17	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM	Sports Café, Bridgeton

ADDITIONAL EVENTS <u>WILL BE ADDED</u> THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

For More Information on Car Shows and Events in the St. Louis Region Join the "Car Show, Swap Meets, and Cruises St. Louis Metro Edition" Facebook Group

VIVA LAS VEGAS!!!!!!!!!! There is still time to plan and register for the ***2025 NCRS National Convention September 7-11 at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.*** In addition to judging some of the best Corvettes on the planet, there are a plethora of things to do in and around Vegas. There are planned tours of Hoover Dam, The Ron Fellows Driving School, and even the Mob Museum.

FROM THE CHAIR *by Bill Mulder NCRS#60998*

Dear Friends:

We have had a lot of great events this year and I encourage you to come to future events.
Larry Lipsitz garage tour. As always, it was great. Sure, we saw a lot of nice cars but even better is the research he has done on each car and the car's history. Many of us had parents or family members who served in World War II, and it is a fitting tribute to their service to watch these limited production videos that depict what it was like. I could watch for much longer. The trivia is great and we know Dr. Gimenez cannot be on a team as he knows too much.

Judging at Fast Lane. This has turned out to be a real find in a club favorite. Fast Lane provides a clean and well-lit environment that offers options for both indoor and outdoor activities.

Gateway judging event and charity fundraiser is coming up and likely happened by the time you read this. Again, another great time to look at nice cars and help charity.

We are looking forward to more fun events including:

- Possible tour of the Wentzville plant – courtesy of Rock Star.
- Possible tour of Corvette Plant – this was just announced a possible start on Q3. I have been emailing the plant manager and we can be an early attendee group.
- Dr. Gimenez on the Corvette / L88 book he wrote (and he is writing another). We are planning on a separate event from our chapter meetings to give this the time it deserves.

Finally, hope to see you at both Bloomington Gold the first of June and at our Regional in July. John and the team broke the 50-car threshold. Great job.

Please join in and be part of our events. There is a lot to see, and a lot of fun to be had.

CHAPTER JUDGING REPORT *by Judging Chair Kelly Waite NCRS#27432*

We had a great Spring judging event at Fast Lane on April 26th!!! What a great place to have a judging event!!! Great cars, people, venue, food, weather… just a great event!!! Great to have indoors as well.

We Flight judged five C2 cars: Randy Potter's 1965 Big Block roadster as well as his Rally Red '66 Coupe; Kurt Kobusch's Yellow '67 coupe; Steve Gorman's Maroon '67 Big Block coupe; and, David and Laura Williams, our host's, red '67 Big Block coupe. All five cars and their owners earned blue Top Flight ribbons.

We also conducted Concours judging of Mark Bramlett's Yellow 66 roadster which awarded a Concours Stock Division ribbon.

Major thanks to Sarah Bonderer, and to David and Laura Williams at Fast Lane for hosting!!!! Thanks as well to all of our owners, judges, and especially Joan and Kay who once again tabulated the score sheets.

On May 31st our Chapter will once again serve as a host club for the Caffeine and Chrome event at Gateway Classic Cars in O-Fallon. These events are always well attended and the host club receives $10 for every car we bring, up to $200, and this money goes toward our charitable activities.

This is also an excellent time and place to recruit new Chapter members, and to show off a little, we will conduct a Concours judging of Tom and Gen Kreyling's recently completed and very cool modified '67.

So, shine up your Corvette and join us Gateway Classic Cars. The fun begins at 8:30.

There are only three weeks remaining to register for the Show-Me Regional July 17-19 in Springfield, MO. We already have over 150 registrations with 50+ cars registered for judging and nearing 70 cars total. This should be a great event. If you have not already registered, you can still do so directly through the NCRS website: https://www.forums.ncrs.org/register/event-subscription.php

We still have raffle tickets available for the $1,500 DeWitts Radiator certificate that the winner can use toward any DeWitts product(s). See me, as well as Joan Burnett or John Foster for tickets.

Don't forget the NCRS National Convention which is Septemebr 7-11, at the South Point Casino and Convention Center. Very cool that Greg Simon's '75 was chosen as the logo car for the Convention.

APRIL CHAPTER JUDGING PHOTOS

JUDGING AT REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS *by John Foster #30976*

As Chapter members have been registering for our upcoming Show-Me Regional in Springfield, frequent questions have included: Can I judge? Who is in charge of judging? How are we selecting judges? While I am not a judging guru, I wanted to share what I have learned through my experiences at regional and national judging events over the years and I hope this helps answer your questions.

Kelly Waite, the St. Louis Chapter Judging Chair, does a phenominal job of including our Chapter members in each of our Chapter judging events. Kelly takes the lead in developing Chapter judges by not only involving those who ask to judge, but by also encouraging all of our members to be involved in judging either as a judge or an observer judge. He not only assigns judges by their preference of judging areas but he also partners more experienced judges with lessor experienced judges so that the novices can learn from our many master judges, many of whom have achieved 200, 300, 400, and even 500 level.

However, selecting judges is different at the regional and national events. We have a designated event Judging Chair for our Show-Me Regional, Tony Stein, who is responsible for coordinating with and assisting the National Judging Chair, who ultimatelyoversees the judging and tabulation of the judging at this level. The National Judging Chair ensures that each judging division is led by a national Judging Team Leader who is then responsible for ensuring that he or she selects the most professional and experienced judges who will be regularly available to best serve the car owners at regional and national events.

So this brings us to how a member can earn a position on a judging team at the regional or national level. First, develop your experience at the chapter level by participating in the chapter judging events and judging seminars. It is not a matter of judging points as much as it is your judging knowledge of the cars and the judging matrix system, as well as your ability to apply your knowledge. Judging levels are the recognition of your knowledge and abilities. Being friendly and helpful are are also valued judging attributes.

Continue to develop you skills through chapter judging, judging seminars, and even the biennial judging retreats. Doing so will expose you not only greater experiences but you will also develop new friendships and relationships with judges and team leaders.

One of the absolute best things you can do is to register to be an “observer judge” (OJ) at regional and nationl events. This affords you the opportunity to observe the most experienced national judges as they judge their particular section of some of the best preserved or restored cars. While you are not actually judging, and remain on the perifery of the judging process, most national judges will make it a point to share their experience with you, even demonstrating interesting or exceptional things about the cars being judged. I have been an OJ with the 1966 team, as well as the 2003-2007 teams at regional and national events over the past couple years. I have learned a lot, not only about the cars, but about the judging process and the application of CDCIF, standard deductions and judging etiquette. Most importantly I’ve made new friends in our hobby.

So, if you are interested in judging at regional or national events, you will need to make the effort toward both the development of your judging knowledge, skills, and abilities, as well as demonstrating a commitment to working with one or more of the national teams. Register to “OJ” at Springfield and then reach out to that specific team leader and let them know of your interest in working with them at the event.

SHOW-ME REGIONAL UPDATE *by Event Co-Chair John Foster #30976*

Planning for your 2025 Show-Me Regional judging event in Springfield, MO, is getting down to the details and it is shaping up to be a great event. We have a lot of members from both the STL and KC Chapters who have volunteered to staff various tasks throughout the event. Sufficient volunteers to ensure that everyone can spend most of their time enjoying friends and Corvettes.

At the time this issue is published, we have over 150 registrations including over 60 cars, 53 of which are being judged for Flight, Performance Verification, or Concours awards. We still have space available for a few more cars and would definitely like to see a few more in the 1973-1989 divisions.

There is still time to register before the June 15th deadline. So… If your Corvette *NEEDS* to be judged, COME SHOW US YOUR CORVETTE!!

Please thank and patronize our generous sponsors who are supporting this event.

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GARAGE TOUR

On Saturday, May 10th, about thirty Chapter members accepted an invitation from fellow Chapter members Larry and Lynne Lipsitz to join them for a tour of their garage, including a look back at some videos of Larry's dragstrip shenanigans, lunch, and even some Corvette trivia with prizes. Even their family and a few neighbors joined in fun. It was a great spring day surpassed only by the hospitality, friendship, and yes, some sweet cars. *THANKS LARRY and LYNNE!*

NEW JUDGING SHIRTS AVAILABLE NOW

Price options of $60 with name or $45 without name are available.
Order online from the NCRS Store: ncrsapparel.com, or scan QR code

- Recommend wearing dark blue pants or shorts to complete the uniform
- Be sure to select your CURRENT star level
    - 100 Level is one star, 200 Level is two stars, etc…

If you have questions, please contact Dave.

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CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT *by Treasurer Joan Burnett NCRS#2731*

2025 NCRS St. Louis Chapter Financial Report

Opening Balance, January 1st of reporting year:				**$8,277.28**
INCOME:	**(Gross Income)**			
	Membership Dues 2025		$1,490.00	
	Membership Dues 2026		$320.00	
	Events(Meets, Schools, Swap Meets, etc. List each separately)			
	Judging Fees - D&A meet		$360.00	
	Judging Fees - April 26 Spring Meet		$500.00	
	Total Events Income			**$860.00**
	Other: Interest Income, sale of merchandise etc List Separately			
	50/50 Winner to be mailed		$50.00	
	Manual Sales		$50.00	
	Badges		$10.00	
	Total Other Income			**$110.00**
Total Income:				**$2,780.00**
EXPENSES:				
	Judging Meet Feb 22 - Coffee, Donuts & Partial Lunch		$226.68	
	Judging Meet Apr 26 - Coffe, Donuts & Lunch		$652.13	
	50/50 winner distribution		$50.00	
	Judging Ribbons & Certificates		$143.18	
	Chapter Banners		$88.24	
	Total Event Expenses			**$1,160.23**
	Dues Related Expenses			
	Website Expense		$237.87	
	Business Cards		$73.37	
	Paypal Fees		$42.98	
TOTAL EXPENSES:				**$1,514.45**
Account Balance		**5/23/2025**		**$9,542.83**
Charity Account				
	Charity Income			
	2024 Charity Funds held over		$553.24	
	Dividends		$4.21	
	50/50 drawing for Charity		$284.00	
	Special Meet Owners Contributions		$200.00	
	50/50 Winner Contributions to Charity		$136.00	
Account Balance		**5/23/2025**		**$1,177.45**

Respectfully submitted Joan Burnett

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES *by Secretary Kay Augustus NCRS#14251*

April 15th Chapter Dinner Meeting at the Sports Café, Bridgeton, MO

- We have a new member, Mark Levy.
- Randy and Ruth Howard announced that the St Jude Drives have raised $2.7 million to date and they were again participating in the road tour on May 16th this year. Bill Mulder is also participating this year and challenged membership to donate.
- John Foster brought us all up to date on the Springfield regional. The Carolinas only had 30 cars. We are hoping for 50 judged cars. There are still baseball tickets available. Sponsors have donated $16,000 so far which is great and Kelsey Tire donated a set of tires that will be auctioned for additional funds.
- Kelly Waite reviewed the five cars that we will have for to our Fast Lane judging. We also have one car for judging that will take place during the Caffeine and Chrome we are hosting at Gateway Classic Cars in O'Fallon, IL, on May 31st.
- Kurt Kobusch gave a technical presentation on C2 headlight switches.
- NCRS VP & Regional Rep Tony Stein spoke via ZOOM on not ignoring newer car owners. Wants some opinion on that.
- Bill Mulder reminded members that he would like representation at Bloomington because it's ripe for recruiting since it's in our own area now.
- Ruth Howard won $50 in the 50/50 drawing.

May 20th Chapter Dinner Meeting at The Sports Café, Bridgeton, MO

- Due to the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair, Judging Chair Kelly Wait ran a short meeting.
- Randy Howard announced that the 2025 St Jude Drive brought in $548,000 for children with cancer.
- Kelly recognized Bill Naeger who was celebrating another birthday. I'm sure it was number 39.
- John Foster reviewed all the numbers so far for the regional. Everything looks really good so far.
- Dennis Hardesty gave a brief tech session on vent window regulators.
- 50/50 was $72 and the $36 went to Greg.

May 27th Chapter Board Meeting conducted on ZOOM

Board members in attendance included Bill Mulder, Kelly Waite, John Foster, Kay Augustus, Jeanene Kreevich, Jim Sahrmann, Mike Marsden, Bill West, Kurt Kobusch, and Chapter members John Murphy and Pam Luker.

- There was discussion about what we have called the holiday party. It was decided that it would be best if held in March at the same Country Club and we will call it a Spring Fling. Will try to get a Sunday afternoon from about 1 - 4. Everyone agreed this would draw a few more of the wives not just another car show.
- Next was discussion about Bloomington Gold hospitality tent. Bill suggested that we give Dennis $75 towards his swap spot and pay for water, soda and chips. All agreed this would be fine. Corvettes will be able to park in a designated area. Other vehicles basically good luck.
- John Foster created a draft budget that we reviewed. There was some discussion and a vote was taken and the budget was unanimously approved.
- Kelly brought up the Caffeine and Chrome event on May 31st at Tom Kreyling will be having his car judged. Kelly suggested to meet at St Louis Bank on Hwy 40 at 7:30 and caravan over. Some upcoming events are the picnic at Love Park on June21st. Please email Jim Sahrmann by June 7 if you plan on attending. Also, the Regional on July 17 -19 in Springfield, but still plan on the monthly meeting on July 15th.
- Newsletter should be out by the end of the week.
- Kay made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Kelly.

C2-327 UPPER RADIATOR SUPPORT BRACKETS *by Tom Dingman NCRS#4889*

This all started when I was asked: "Do you have a bracket, GM part number 3874765?" Since my purchase in 1981, I indeed had one, still with a matching "GM part inventory tag" from 1981. I sold the part and kept the GM tag.

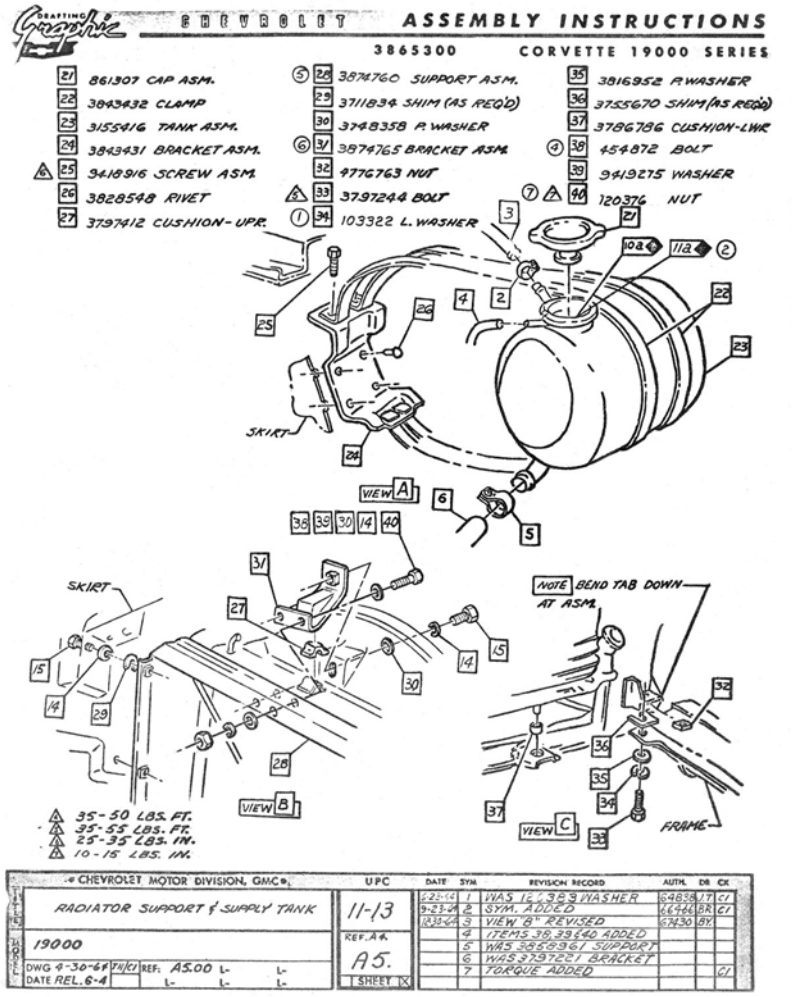
A Corvette center upper bracket bolts to the "rad support", holds the top support tab on the radiator, and the fan shroud. That's unless an L88, which has no fan shroud.

The 1963-65 1st design (for 327s) was PN 3797221. That one has a triangle shape and rounded edges. However, the requested (for L88) part, 3874765, was in my parts book as the 2nd design of the 327 part, starting in 1965 model year.

The part buyer was building a 1967 Corvette as a replica with the L88 option. Why this 327 PN? Funny thing about the "requested for L88" part number… My 1981 Parts book states: "second design" for the 1965 327 Corvette; Also says "except 396" and "Flat Edges". More about the parts book later.

My A.I.M. for 1965 indicates a change to the 2nd 327 design on 12/30/1964. See item 31 in the page photo to the right.

NCRS Forum: I found just one single discussion of 3874765 in the NCRS Tech. Discussion Forum. A 2005 forum entry basically says "Has anyone ever seen the "second design" with "flat edges" on a 1965 327 Corvette? (In follow up discussion, nobody said yes.)



C2-327 UPPER RADIATOR SUPPORT BRACKETS, *Continued…*

The following photos show the part I was asked for, and sold: 3874765:

These three photos show "327 2ND Design" **GM 3874765.** In the third photo, a 396/427 repro is installed under the unattached 2nd design bracket. In that photo, **3874765** appears longer than what's being sold as a reproduction of the 1967 L88 bracket;

Repro of a different number? Yes, today's vendors say GM 3873748, "65-67 TOP FAN SHROUD BRACKET - 396 and 427 L88". My 1981 parts book agrees… **3873748, not 3874765,** was the one for 1965 396 "Big Block" Corvettes.

Why did the person building the L88 want the 327 "2nd Design" part? Is the parts book wrong? Perhaps the person has a Bill of Materials (a BOM for L88 Option)?

Even if a longer part, L88s don't have a fan shroud, so I believe both versions would fit.

Was the 396 or L88 radiator more upright? I think not.

C2-327 UPPER RADIATOR SUPPORT BRACKETS, *Continued…*

The photo right shows a measurement of the part I sold. Again, the parts book says this was a “1965 second design”, GM 3874765. Functionally, does it differ from the “396 and L88” part? If they differ, I don’t see it. Note the 2.25” point on the ruler.

The photo also shows part of the U-shaped metal tab under the front half of the bracket.

The photo left shows the repro of GM 3873748, “65-67 TOP FAN SHROUD BRACKET - 396 AND 427 L88”. (It was Paragon 3553 and is now Corvette Central’s 242040.)

This photo also shows part of the U-shaped metal tab under the front half of the bracket. Below, see the same 2.25” measure on the bottom of the 396 and L88 part repro.

The two parts look and measure the same…

C2-327 UPPER RADIATOR SUPPORT BRACKETS, *Continued…*

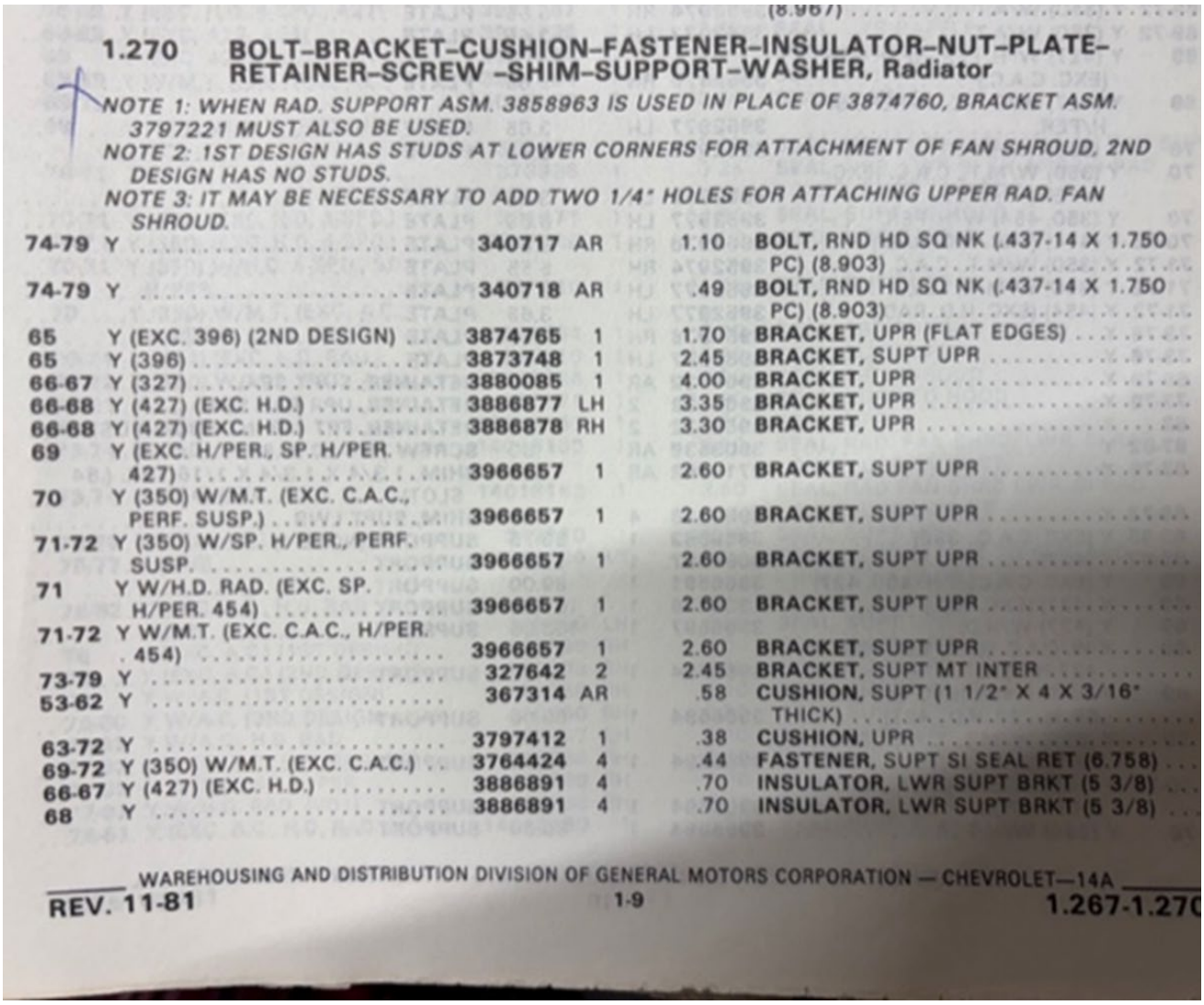
Corvette Parts Book: Below, I'm referencing the 1981 page in my old Corvette Parts Book from GM, group number 1.270. As you can see (again) the 327 upper bracket design was changed for 1965.

A THIRD design, 3880085, is listed for 1966-67 327 small blocks. (The top of the radiator was shifted for 1966.)

The 66-67 327 and 427 versions look alike, but have different part numbers. The 427 version does not use the rubber insert on the bottom (66-67 427s).

Also in 1966-68, for the 427s, LH and RH upper brackets were added. Those two have the cushions now.

Finally, note the additional new PNs after 1968. The next photo is from my parts book.



1.270 BOLT-BRACKET-CUSHION-FASTENER-INSULATOR-NUT-PLATE-RETAINER-SCREW -SHIM-SUPPORT-WASHER, Radiator

NOTE 1: WHEN RAD. SUPPORT ASM. 3858963 IS USED IN PLACE OF 3874760, BRACKET ASM. 3797221 MUST ALSO BE USED.
NOTE 2: 1ST DESIGN HAS STUDS AT LOWER CORNERS FOR ATTACHMENT OF FAN SHROUD, 2ND DESIGN HAS NO STUDS.
NOTE 3: IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ADD TWO 1/4" HOLES FOR ATTACHING UPPER RAD. FAN SHROUD.

74-79	Y	340717	AR	1.10	BOLT, RND HD SQ NK (.437-14 X 1.750 PC) (8.903)
74-79	Y	340718	AR	.49	BOLT, RND HD SQ NK (.437-14 X 1.750 PC) (8.903)
65	Y (EXC. 396) (2ND DESIGN)	3874765	1	1.70	BRACKET, UPR (FLAT EDGES)
65	Y (396)	3873748	1	2.45	BRACKET, SUPT UPR
66-67	Y (327)	3880085	1	4.00	BRACKET, UPR
66-68	Y (427) (EXC. H.D.)	3886877	LH	3.35	BRACKET, UPR
66-68	Y (427) (EXC. H.D.)	3886878	RH	3.30	BRACKET, UPR
69	Y (EXC. H/PER., SP. H/PER. 427)	3966657	1	2.60	BRACKET, SUPT UPR
70	Y (350) W/M.T. (EXC. C.A.C., PERF. SUSP.)	3966657	1	2.60	BRACKET, SUPT UPR
71-72	Y (350) W/SP. H/PER., PERF. SUSP.	3966657	1	2.60	BRACKET, SUPT UPR
71	Y W/H.D. RAD. (EXC. SP. H/PER. 454)	3966657	1	2.60	BRACKET, SUPT UPR
71-72	Y W/M.T. (EXC. C.A.C., H/PER. 454)	3966657	1	2.60	BRACKET, SUPT UPR
73-79	Y	327642	2	2.45	BRACKET, SUPT MT INTER
53-62	Y	367314	AR	.58	CUSHION, SUPT (1 1/2" X 4 X 3/16" THICK)
63-72	Y	3797412	1	.38	CUSHION, UPR
69-72	Y (350) W/M.T. (EXC. C.A.C.)	3764424	4	.44	FASTENER, SUPT SI SEAL RET (6.758)
66-67	Y (427) (EXC. H.D.)	3886891	4	.70	INSULATOR, LWR SUPT BRKT (5 3/8)
68	Y	3886891	4	.70	INSULATOR, LWR SUPT BRKT (5 3/8)

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C2-327 UPPER RADIATOR SUPPORT BRACKETS, *Continued…*

Back to the 1965 A.I.M.: On 12-30-1964, per UPC 11-13 Sheet A5, the non-air, non-fuel inj. radiator support changed from 3858961 to 3874760. This is when the upper bracket changed from 1st design # 3797221 (rounded edge) to 2nd design 3874765 (flat edges). Also on the same date, the C60 (Air cond.) rad support (no X-braces) went from # 3858358 to 3874768. The L84 fuel injection rad support was GM 3858963.

Here is another wrinkle: See the photo to the right from the new (7th Edition) 1965 TIM&JG for the first design with rolled edges. This is 1963-1965 PN, GM 3797221. There is no mention of the 327 part change in the NCRS TIM&JG. Did the 327 second design end up as OEM on any 1965 Corvettes? Yes, I have seen one on a late '65.

Below is a photo of the late 1965 small block Corvette, built within the second last week of production. The owner says the bracket is original, and 2nd design.
Notice something else special here…

Other Center Top Brackets, not pictured, include:
1966-67 => 3880085 (3rd 327 Design)
1966-67 427 => 3886868 These two look very much alike from the top.

See above text for the difference.
Note: 1967: L88 A.I.M. - Assembly Same as RPO L36.

Just for fun… Check out "A Detailed Overview" on the next page, and be aware that I did not write this. **THE TEXT BELOW WAS GENERATED BY MICROSOFT WORD AI "CO-PILOT"**. Starting with a blank document, all I said was: "Article about C2 Corvette radiator support brackets'" and the following article is what was generated:

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C2-327 UPPER RADIATOR SUPPORT BRACKETS, *Continued…*

The Chevrolet Corvette, particularly the C2 models produced between 1963 and 1967, is an iconic American sports car renowned for its sleek design, powerful performance, and timeless appeal. Among the many components that contribute to the car's functionality and performance, radiator brackets play a crucial role in maintaining the cooling system's integrity and efficiency. This document delves into the specifics of radiator brackets used in C2 Corvettes, their importance, types, and installation process.

The Importance of Radiator Brackets
Radiator brackets are essential for securing the radiator in place within the engine bay. The radiator itself is responsible for dissipating heat from the engine coolant, thereby preventing the engine from overheating. Without sturdy and properly installed radiator brackets, the radiator could shift or become damaged, leading to potential cooling system failures and subsequent engine overheating.

Functionality and Design
The primary function of radiator brackets is to hold the radiator securely in place, despite the vibrations and movements that occur during vehicle operation. The brackets ensure that the radiator remains properly aligned with the engine and cooling fan, allowing for optimal airflow and heat dissipation. Typically made from durable materials like metal or reinforced plastic, these brackets are designed to withstand high temperatures and the stresses of daily driving.

Types of Radiator Brackets for C2 Corvettes
There are several types of radiator brackets available for C2 Corvettes, each designed to meet specific needs and preferences of car owners. Here, we will explore the most common types:

OEM Radiator Brackets
Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) radiator brackets are designed to match the specifications and quality of the original parts used in the C2 Corvettes. These brackets are ideal for restorations or for owners who wish to maintain the authenticity of their vehicle. OEM brackets ensure a perfect fit and reliable performance, as they are made to the exact standards set by Chevrolet during the original production run.

Aftermarket Radiator Brackets
Aftermarket radiator brackets are produced by third-party manufacturers and often come with various enhancements over the OEM versions. These may include improved materials, reinforced designs, or additional features that provide greater durability and performance. Aftermarket brackets can be an excellent choice for those looking to upgrade their cooling system or replace damaged OEM brackets with more robust alternatives.

Custom Radiator Brackets
For C2 Corvette enthusiasts who have heavily modified their vehicles or who are engaging in custom builds, custom radiator brackets may be necessary. These brackets are often fabricated to meet the specific dimensions and requirements of a unique setup, ensuring that the radiator is securely mounted

despite any alterations to the engine bay or cooling system. Custom brackets offer the greatest flexibility and can be tailored to the exact needs of the vehicle.

Installing Radiator Brackets in C2 Corvettes
Proper installation of radiator brackets is crucial…

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Articles need not be long and photographs definitely are worth a thousand words. I am always willing to assist you in assembling the material or editing your draft.

Have you ever wondered where the articles in *The Restorer* Magazine come from? Every issue of The Legend is shared with the newsletter editors of every NCRS Chapter, as well as the Executive Board of the NCRS. Vinnie Peters, Editor of *The Restorer* reads every Chapter newsletter and when he sees and article that he believes must be shared with the entire NCRS membership, he seeks permission to reprint the article in a future issue of *The Restorer*.

So… if you have a great Corvette story to share, or you are laboring over a restoration project, large or small, make some notes and snap some photographs. Your story is probably interesting to others and that project you are working on might just be one that members need help with.

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