



MASON DIXON Blue and Gray

September 2017

~Member ~ National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS)

*~ NCRS TOP FLIGHT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR ~ Former Winners for Fifteen
Consecutive Years*

*~ NCRS & Mason Dixon Activities ~ Judging Events – Rallyes – Drags – Cruisin’
Nights – Day Trips Banquets – Weekend Outings Annual Atlantic City Bus Tour*

~ Charities ~ Support numerous Charities throughout the Great State of Maryland

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Gus Tsamouras

Hello Mason Dixon Chapter members!

I hope everyone is doing well and has enjoyed their summer. It has been a great summer for my family and seeing many of you.

Our Chapter has had a busy and productive summer. Many Thanks to our board members and chapter members who volunteer their time and resources.

We had a great day at our annual charity event at the Mt Washington Pediatric Hospital event this year. Thanks to contributions from our Chapter, National, and individuals we came up with \$2100 to donate. The children enjoyed the cars and we put HUGE smiles on their faces! Afterwards, we had a fun filled day at the Lesser's Home. Many Thanks to Eileen and Steve for hosting and a shout out to the Blumenthals for their help.

I was privileged enough to have the opportunity to participate in judging this year at the Regionals in Altoona PA. It was a great event with many historically significant cars at the event. We had approximately 15 members at the event and many of us met for lunch.

Just a few weeks after this event we had one of our best Corvettes at Carlisle ever! I can't tell you how nice the event was with just fantastic sunny weather throughout the event. This year there was a display of very rare L88 corvettes and Tony Avedisian from Tony's Corvettes was there introducing his new book about the 63 Zo6.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events that we have remaining for the year. Please take a look at our website for our schedule and a big Thank You to Jim Cella for doing a great job on our website.

Please keep in mind how fortunate we are as we see many in Texas and Florida who have endured tragic losses.

Sincerely,
Gius Tsamouras Chapter Chairman
Mason Dixon Chapter, NCRS

Vice Chairman's Report

Jim Buckley

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

Well, Corvettes at Carlisle is now behind us, and it seemed to have a pretty good turnout. Saw a lot of people buying parts and of course food.

The Chapter tent and flea market tables were doing a very brisk business when I was there Friday. Would like to thank Steve Sokoloff for all his work setting up the tents and tables, as well as putting up with all the B.S. and people who wanted him to discount the price on the parts on the table.

Along that line also the Regional at Altoona was well represented by our Chapter members. It is good to see many of you getting out and participating.

Seems like the switch was thrown from Summer heat to cool Fall like days. But wait, with cooler weather we can still get our fantastic Corvettes out and enjoy them until the snow and ice arrives.

Hope that I see all of you at the rest of our Chapter events, as Steve has gone the extra mile this year to provide us with new and exciting places to visit and wonderful places to dine. See you soon, Vice Chairman, Jim

Treasurer's Report
Ed Ranier

As of 08/31/17, our checking account balance is \$14,389.57. Thanks, Ed

Recording Secretary's Report
Eileen Lesser

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
At Jerry Blumenthal's Office
In Lutherville, Maryland
August 9 , 2017

Attendance:

Gus Tsamouras	Jim Buckley	Rick Aleshire
Steve Lesser	Eileen Lesser	Jerry Blumenthal
Glenn Gitschier	Ed Ranier	

Chairman's Report:

After a light dinner, Gus Tsamouras began the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Vice-Chairman's Report:

Jim Buckley announced that our statistics are up-to-date.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed gave an update on the Chapter Treasury which has \$14,377.38 in it.

Membership Report:

Glenn gave an update on the number of members in the Chapter (99 members).

Webmaster's Report:

In Jim Cella's absence, Eileen discussed the new photographs that are on the website from the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital event and the photos from the Bunting Museum event are forthcoming.

Judging Chairman's Report:

Rick discussed the August judging event held at Tony's Corvette Shop in Gaithersburg, MD on August 6. Three Corvettes were judged and Mel Lorden took a Top Flight with his '96 Collector's Edition; Ron Schoelkopf took a Second Flight with his '72; and Chris Moore took a Top Flight with his '63. Tony Avedisian has released his new book which will go on sale for the first time at Corvettes at Carlisle on August 24. Tony also has been working on a Corvette for Make-a-Wish Foundation which will be presented to a young man at Corvettes at Carlisle this year.

Secretary's Report:

Eileen Lesser sent a thank you note to George and Marc Bunting for extending an invitation to the Mason-Dixon Chapter; she also received a thank you note from the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital for our generous donation.

Social Activities Chairman's Report:

Steve Lesser discussed the last few events of 2017 which include Corvettes at Carlisle. Mason Dixon will be at the I-30 booth. The Paid-Up Membership Luncheon will take place on Saturday, September 16 at Sunshine Grille in Fork, MD. The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18. The Fall Dinner Meeting will take place on Saturday, November 18 at Liberatore's Ristorante.

Historian's Report:

Jerry will send Jim Cella the photographs from the last 2 events. Jerry suggested that we consider going to Summit Point Race Track in May 2018 to see the vintage sports car racing.

Good and Welfare:

- Sincere sympathies to Dr. Chuck Gongloff on the loss of his wife, Pat, former Past President of Mason Dixon;
- Congratulations to Ed and Rosemary Ranier on the marriage of their son, Chris;
- Congratulations to John Doyle who will be married to Mary Cromwell in September.

Several Board members suggested making a donation to a second charity for the coming year. Rick Aleshire mentioned the Faces of Valor and the Second Chance Foundation.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18 at Jerry Blumenthal's office on York Road at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Lesser

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Membership Chairman's Report

Glenn Gitschier

As of 09/10/17, we have 99 paid members of the Chapter and 2 prospective members who just joined the NCRS. **Please remember to pay your NCRS dues before your membership expires.**

The NCRS sends out reminder emails several months before the expiration date, so PLEASE don't ignore these reminders. I have also been sending emails and calling members if I see their NCRS membership is going to expire within one month. Contact me (410-688-7329) if you want to know when your NCRS membership expires. You must be a current member of NCRS to remain a member of Mason Dixon. Thanks, Glenn

Judging Chairman's Report

Rick Aleshire

We held a mini-Summer judging meet on August 6, 2017 at Tony's Corvette Shop in Gaithersburg, MD. We had a good turnout of judges from the Chapter, and judged THREE cars with Chris Moore's 1963 scoring Top Flight; Ron Schoelkopf's 1972 2nd Flight; and Mel Lorden's 1996 Top Flight! Tony Avedisian also presented an overview of his 1963 RPO Z06 book that will be available for sale at Corvettes of Carlisle. The following are pictures provided by Keith Brodbeck and Jim Buckley.





Mason Dixon @ Social Activities Report - Steve Lesser

This is the most beautiful time of the year to take your Corvette out for a ride. The trees are starting to turn beautiful colors and the cool air makes your Corvette engine purr.

Come to "Coffee and Cars" every Saturday morning 8:00-10:00 at the Hunt Valley Mall before the stores open. You will see lots of your Mason Dixon fellow members there as well as some very interesting cars and trucks and Army vehicles.

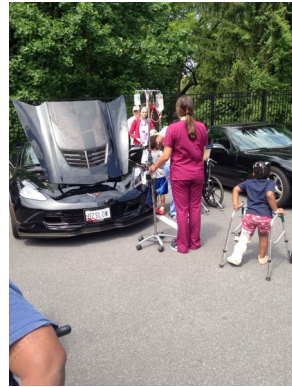
We had a great turn-out at Corvettes @ Carlisle in August. Lots of our members came by our tent to say hello as well as buy and sell Corvette parts, and the weather was perfect.

On September 16, we will have our paid-up membership luncheon at The Sunshine Grille in Fork, MD. Please call Eileen at 410-484-9242 to reserve your \$20 voucher or e-mail her at eileen3304steve@verizon.net. You must have a voucher to get your complimentary lunch.

Of course, all members are welcome to come to our regularly scheduled Board meeting, and the next meeting is on October 18. Just let Eileen know so we know how much food to buy for dinner.

On November 18, our annual Fall dinner meeting will take place at Liberatore's Ristorante. Please RSVP for a delicious meal, and "you never know what you will leave with."

On July 15, 2017 many Mason Dixon members met at Eileen and Steve Lesser's house for a caravan to the Mt. Washington Children's Pediatric Hospital for a check presentation; then back to the Lesser's for a luncheon and swim party. The following pictures were provided by a number of members.



Historian's Report Jerry Blumenthal

Folks, we really do need everyone's help here! If you have any pictures, stories, etc. to share with us all, please let Jerry or any of the BoD know.

Website Coordinator's Report Jim Cella

Folks, as the new webmaster, I would like to get any comments, suggestions, etc. on the layout of the website. How well do you believe the website provides information you may be looking for? Are the colors of the various links, etc. useful and easy to understand? Are there things you expect to see on the website and they are not there? Again, this is your Chapter website and I will work to provide the information you need / want, but need to know. Thanks. Jim

Saving an Original 1993 Gas Tank

Jim Buckley, NCRS #23431

Finally, Jim Buckley, he of the "barn find" 1993 mentioned in our June newsletter dropped the gas tank in the Vette and brought the fuel sending unit for everyone to see just how the modern fuels really are not very conducive to metals. Jim mentioned he was having an old Amish gentleman near where he lives in Red Lion, PA remove the rubber bladder from the gas tank, thus preserving the original tank. Can't wait to see this 1100 mile original car on the judging field in the not too distant future! Here are pictures of the sending unit, the tail section of the car with gas tank dropped and then reinstalled. The following are the steps I followed to drop the tank. You can see how the tank was really cleaned up by the Amish gentleman, and there is NO MORE CRUD inside!

- 1.Remove battery ground cable.
- 2.Drain fuel tank.
- 3.Remove fuel tank filler door.
- 4.Remove fuel tank filler neck housing and drain hose.
- 5.Disconnect fuel feed hose, fuel return hose, vapor hose and electrical connector from fuel meter and pump assembly.
- 6.Remove license plate to gain access for fascia to impact bar bolts.
- 7.Remove 2 carriage bolts securing fascia to impact bar.
- 8.Raise vehicle on hoist.
- 9.Remove spare tire and tire carrier.
- 10.Disconnect oxygen sensor electrical connector.
- 11.Remove exhaust system as a complete unit by disconnecting from front crossover pipe at exhaust manifold.
- 12.Remove both inner fender braces.
- 13.Remove both rear inner fender panels.
- 14.Disconnect antenna ground strap.
- 15.Remove bolt securing fuel vapor pipe to left hand fuel tank strap.
- 16.Disconnect fuel tank cables from rear right and left hand stabilizer shaft brackets.
- 17.Remove all rear lamps (side marker, tail, backup. license plate and spare tire.
- 18.Remove 4 screws securing bottom edge of fascia to energy absorber pad.
- 19.Remove 3 nuts securing each side of fascia to horizontal body retainer.
- 20.Remove nuts from right and left vertical retainers securing fascia to body.
- 21.Remove 4 frame extension bolts (2 each side).
- 22.Loosen. but do not remove 4 remaining frame extension bolts.
- 23.With the aid of an assistant. remove remaining frame extension bolts and pull fuel tank and frame assembly rearward pushing cover outward. Tilt assembly down to remove and clear cover.
- 24.Remove tank straps and remove tank.



INSTALLATION OF TANK

- 1.Position tank on frame extension and secure to tank supports with straps.
- 2.With the aid of an assistant, install tank and frame assembly in vehicle and secure with bolts.
- 3.Install nuts on right and left vertical retainers.
- 4.Install 3 nuts securing each side of fascia to horizontal body retainer.
- 5.Install screws securing bottom edge of fascia energy absorber pad.
- 6.Install all rear lamps and spare tire lamp.
- 7.Install fuel tank cable to stabilizer shaft brackets.
- 8.Install bolt securing fuel vapor pipe to left hand fuel tank strap.
- 9.Connect antenna ground strap.
- 10.Install both rear inner fender panels.
- 11.Install both inner fender braces.
- 12.Install exhaust system.
- 13.Connect oxygen sensor electrical connector.
- 14.Install spare tire and carrier.
- 15.Lower vehicle.
- 16.Install bolts securing fascia to impact bar.
- 17.Install license plate.
- 18.Connect fuel feed hose, fuel return hoses, vapor hose and fuel meter electrical connector.
- 19.Install fuel tank filler neck housing and drain hose.
- 20.Install fuel tank filler door.
- 21.Connect battery ground cable.
- 22.Add fuel to tank.

Job well done! Stand by for further updates on this very low mileage 1993 as I try to get her ready for the road! Thanks. Jim



1996 Corvette: Official GM Photo.

1996 Corvette: Last of the C4

First available in March 1983, 1996 was the last year for the C4 generation. The Corvette had evolved remarkably during those 14 years. It effectively dealt with tough fuel economy and emissions standards while still achieving remarkable performance goals and quality improvements.

A new Corvette engine - the LT4 - debuted for 1996. The LT1 was still available and a dividing line of sorts was established with all LT4s mated to manual transmissions and the LT1s assigned automatic transmission duties. The LT4 (RPO LT4; \$1,450.00) was an update of the highly appreciated LT1 and boasted high flow aluminum heads, larger valves supported by high load springs, a more aggressive camshaft and higher compressions (10.8:1) pistons. Redline was 6,300 RPM.

A collector edition was also available for 1996 (RPO Z15; \$1,250.00) and was especially attractive with its Sebring Silver exterior. Five spoke ZR-1 9 1/2" wheels, painted silver, was a nice touch. Below: Included was special badging (front nose, left; front fender, right) and "Collector Edition" seat embroidery.



As with the C3 generation, the last of the C4 offered something unique. A special run of 1,000 Grand Sport Corvettes (RPO Z16; \$3,250 - \$2,880 for the convertible) with Admiral Blue paint and a distinctive white stripe (affectionately known as the "skunk strip") were offered. The option included the LT4 motor and a separate serial number sequence. It was a tribute to a series of five 1963 racing Corvettes that were the brainchild of Zora Arkus-Duntov. Zora produced the Grand Sports on the sly but when his bosses learned of their existence, the program was axed since it violated corporate policy.

The livery is distinctive but it more than looks good however - the colors have a basis in motorsports history. For many years the nationality of a racing team could be determined by the car colors. The British featured British Racing Green, the Germans had silver, the Italians were red and so on. American cars had a choice of blue with a white strip or white with a blue stripe. The 1996 Corvette Grand Sport was a nod to that tradition.

Below left: fuel filler door emblem; right: brief red stripes located only above the left front wheel, as seen on one of the original Grand Sport race cars.



The Grand Sport featured ZR-1 wheels painted black. Corvette lore has it that when ZR-1 production ended, GM found themselves with a surplus of wheels that found a home on the Grand Sports. Above left: Front wheel. As with the ZR-1, the rear wheel was 11" wide. Since the Grand Sport did not have the ZR-1's 3" wider rear bodywork, a fender extension was necessary on the Coupe. Right: Due to convertible top intrusion into the trunk area, the

convertible Grand Sports were equipped with 9.5" wide rear wheels so the additional flare was not included. 190 of the 1,000 1996 Corvette Grand Sports were convertibles.

1996 Corvette Options, Prices

RPO	Description	Production	Price
24S	Removable Roof Panel, blue tint (coupe)	6,626 (30.77%)	\$650.00
64S	Removable Roof Panel, bronze tint (coupe)	2,492 (11.57%)	\$650.00
AG1	Power Driver Seat	19,798 (91.93%)	\$305.00
AG2	Power Passenger Seat	17,060 (79.22%)	\$305.00
AQ9	Sport Seats	12,016 (55.79%)	\$625.00
C2L	Dual Removable Roof Panels (coupe)	3,983 (18.49%)	\$950.00
CC2	Auxiliary Hardtop (convertible)	429 (1.99%)	\$1,995.00
F45	Selective Real Time Damping, electronic	2,896 (13.45%)	\$1,695.00
G92	Performance Axle Ratio	9,801 (45.51%)	\$50.00
LT4	350 cubic-inch, 330 horsepower Engine	6,359 (29.53%)	\$1,450.00
MN6	6-Speed Manual Transmission	6,359 (29.53%)	n/a
N84	Spare Tire Delete	986 (4.58%)	n/a
PEG1	Preferred Equipment Group 1 Included electronic A/C, Delco-Bose Stereo w/cassette and RPO AC3	n/a	\$1,333.00
U1F	Compact Disc Delco-Bose (reqs PEG 1)	17,037 (79.11%)	\$396.00
UJ6	Low Tire Pressure Warning Indicator	6,865 (31.88%)	\$325.00
WY5	Tires, Extended Mobility	4,945 (22.96%)	\$70.00
Z15	Collector Edition	5,412 (25.13%)	\$1,250.00
Z16	Grand Sport Package (\$2,880 with convertible)	1,000 (4.64%)	\$3,250.00
Z51	Performance Handling Package	1,869 (8.68%)	\$350.00

Total Production: 21,536

Coupe: 17,167 (79.71%)

Convertible: 4,369 (20.29%)

Notes: Base Corvette Coupe with 350 cu. in. 300 hp engine and four speed automatic transmission: \$37,225.00. Base Corvette Convertible with 350 cu. in. 300 hp engine and four speed automatic transmission: \$45,060.00.

VEHICLE NUMBERS (VIN): 1G1YY2257T5100001 – 1G1YY2257T5120536 (Corvette Coupe & Convertible)
1G1YY2251T5600001 – 1G1YY2251T5601000 (Grand Sport)

Colors

Code	Exterior	Quantity	Interior	Soft Top
05	Dark Purple Metallic	320 (1.49%)	Black / Light Beige / Light Gray	Beige / Black / White
10	Arctic White	3,210 (14.91%)	Black / Light Beige / Light Gray /	Beige / Black / White

Red				
13	Sebring Silver Metallic	5,412 (25.13%)	Black / Light Gray / Red	Black
28	Admiral Blue	1,000 (4.64%)	Black / Red and Black	White
41	Black	3,917 (18.19%)	Black / Light Beige / Light Gray / Red	Beige / Black / White
43	Bright Aqua Metallic	357 (1.66%)	Black / Light Beige / Light Gray	Beige / Black / White
45	Polo Green Metallic	2,414 (11.21%)	Black / Light Beige	Beige / Black
53	Competition Yellow	488 (2.27%)	Black / Light Beige / Light Gray	Beige / Black / White
70	Torch Red	4,418 (20.51%)	Black / Light Beige / Light Gray / Red	Beige / Black / White

Mechanical Dimensions

Feature	Coupe	Convertible
Wheelbase	96.2 inches (2.443 m)	96.2 inches (2.443 m)
Overall length	178.5 inches (4.534 m)	178.5 inches (4.534 m)
Overall width	70.7 inches (1.778 m)	73.1 inches (1.857 m)
Overall height	46.3 inches (1.176 m)	47.3 inches (1.201 m)
Front tread	57.7 inches (1.466 m)	57.7 inches (1.466 m)
Rear tread	59.1 inches (1.501 m)	59.1 inches (1.501 m)
Standard Tires Front/Rear	P255/45ZR-17 Goodyear Eagle GT / P285/40ZR-17 Goodyear Eagle GT	
Grand Sport Tires Front/Rear	P275/40ZR-17 Goodyear Eagle GT / P315/35ZR-17 Goodyear Eagle GT	P255/45ZR-17 Goodyear Eagle GT / P285/40ZR-17 Goodyear Eagle GT
Steering	Power Rack and Pinion	
Front suspension	Independent SLA forged-aluminum upper and lower control arms and steering knuckle, transverse monoleaf springs, steel stabilizer bar, and spindle offset.	
Rear suspension	Independent five-link design with tow and camber adjustment, forged-aluminum control links and steering knuckle, transverse monoleaf springs, steel tie rods, stabilizer bar, and tubular U-joint aluminum driveshaft.	
Brakes	Antilock four-wheel power disc	
Body construction	Fiberglass; separate ladder frame with cross-members	
Fuel tank	20 US Gal (16.7 Imp Gal) (76 liters)	

KOMEDY CORNER

The Cynical Philosopher

Just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year, not to cause any trouble but shouldn't that be an even number?

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they would eventually find me attractive.

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

A recent study has found that woman who carry a little extra weight, live longer than the men who mention it.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.

You're not fat, you're just... easier to see.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Here, fill this out?"

I can't understand why women are okay that JC Penney has an older women's clothing line named, "Sag Harbor."

My 60 year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 175 pounds I've gained since then.

The pharmacist asked me my birth date again today. I'm pretty sure she's going to get me something.

The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can be in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.

I think it's pretty cool how Chinese people made a language entirely out of tattoos.

Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch!

The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Earnest T Bass, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara and, of course, Opie were all single. The only married person was Otis, and he stayed drunk.

Good Morning Lord!

A visiting Pastor was attending a men's breakfast in a Mississippi farm county. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning.

After all were seated, the older farmer began-----"Lord, I hate buttermilk.

The Pastor opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the Pastor was worried. However, without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour."

Just as the Pastor was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued, "But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So, Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'till You are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits. Amen."

Proofreading is a Dying Art

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter.

This one was caught in the SGV Tribune the other day. A reader called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!! They put in a correction the next day.

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

No crap, really? Ya think?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Now that's taking things a bit far!

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

What a guy!

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

See if that works any better than a fair trial!

War Dims Hope for Peace

I can see where it might have that effect!

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Ya think?!

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Who would have thought!

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

They may be on to something!

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge

He probably IS the battery charge!

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Weren't they fat enough?!

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

That's what he gets for eating those beans!

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Do they taste like chicken?

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Chainsaw Massacre all over again!

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors

Boy, are they tall!

And the winner is...

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
Did I read that right?

Marriage Counseling

After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched - with a raised eyebrow.

The woman shut up and quietly sat down in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?"

"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays,But I fish on Friday.

An Interesting Fact About Manure

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything for export had to be transported by ship. As commercial fertilizers were not introduced until the late 18th century, large shipments of manure were quite common. It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet. However, once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by-product is methane gas.

As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles - you can imagine what could (and did) happen. Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM! Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening.

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instruction Stow High In Transit, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this "volatile" cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term 'SHIT', (Stow High In Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

You probably did not know the true history of this word.

Neither did I. I had always thought it was a [golf term](#)!

Funny Church Signs

CAUTION - Exposure to the SON may prevent burning!

While you are trying to figure it out, GOD has already worked it out!

Cars are NOT the only thing recalled by their Maker!

Swallowing pride will never give you indigestion!

Friend request from Jesus - CONFIRM or IGNORE

If you DON'T like the way you were born.....Try being BORN AGAIN!

Google CAN'T satisfy every search!

Atheism is a NON-prophet organization!

How do we make Holy water? We boil the hell out of it!

Holy Humor

During these serious and troubled times, people of all faiths should remember these four great religious truths:

1. Muslims do not recognize Jews as God's Chosen People.
2. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
3. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian world.
4. Baptists do not recognize each other at the liquor store.

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

DID NOAH FISH ?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little

Tommy was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Tommy was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

BEING THANKFUL

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night ? That's very commendable. What does she say?"_

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed !"

ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls."

This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls ?"

Her response, "Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men'!"

SAY A PRAYER

Little Tommy and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Tommy received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Tommy! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do" his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house." Tommy explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

THE BIBLE

Did you know that... When you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache. When you open it, he collapses. When he sees you reading it, he faints.

Let's read the Bible every day so he keeps on fainting. Maybe one day he'll have a stroke and never wake up.

How to Get into Heaven

A true Story from an Irish Sunday School Teacher:

I was testing children in my Dublin Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. I asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into heaven?"

"NO!!!" the children shouted.

If I cleaned the church every day and mowed the lawn would that get me into heaven?"

Again, the answer was "NO!!!"

"If I gave sweets to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into heaven?"

Again, they all answered "NO!!!"

I was just bursting with pride for them. I continued, "Then how can I get into heaven?"

A little boy shouted out: "YUV GOTTA BE DEAD."