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# Chairman's Report

#### - John Veen

As I write this report, spring is in full swing, and summer not far behind. The temperatures are in the 90's and the humidity is also high making for some uncomfortable weather to do yard work but not too bad for cleaning your Corvette and taking it out for a long drive!!!

Since my last report in March, the Board of Directors (BoD) and I have been busy over the past few months continuing our efforts to develop and fine tune events and activities for 2015. The list of activities and the contact person(s) can be found on the Mason-Dixon Chapter website at <a href="https://www.ncrs.org/masondixon">www.ncrs.org/masondixon</a> The BoD and I encourage all Chapter members to attend these activities and events as they are provided to you, the Chapter member, for your enjoyment and to get together with other Chapter members.

The next BoD Meeting is scheduled for June 10 and, as always, if you have any ideas and/or suggestions, please be sure to make your wishes known to the Board members or me. Our e-Mail addresses and telephone information are on the Mason-Dixon website which can be found at <a href="www.ncrs.org/masondixon">www.ncrs.org/masondixon</a> Please keep in mind that you can contact us at any time during the year to offer your suggestions not just at the beginning of the year when we develop the calendar. To save you some time, **my e-Mail address is jsveen01@comcast.net.** For information about the various things on which the BoD is working, please be sure to review the BoD Meeting Minutes that are distributed via e-Mail following every meeting. I believe you will see some interesting topics we are discussing.

In my last report I included a list of events/activities that had previously occurred in early 2015, events/activities that had been approved by the BoD and were already in the "2015 Chapter Calendar of Events," and a final group that the BoD would consider for inclusion in the "2015 Chapter Calendar of Events"

Since my last report in March, the Chapter conducted the following events:

- On Wednesday, March 18, there was BoD Meeting at Jerry Blumenthal's Office in Lutherville, MD;
- On Sunday, March 29 there was a Judging Meet at Ron Adams Chevrolet in Havre de Grace, MD. The results of the judging have been distributed.
- On Saturday, April 4 approximately 15 20 Chapter members attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Extravaganza of "Coffee and Cars" at the Hunt Valley Mall. Many thanks to Cyndy Allen for volunteering to coordinate this event. It was reported that approximately 2,500 3,000 cars and

- vehicles were admitted (an operating tank was there) and despite a brief rain shower, a GREAT time was had by all attendees; and,
- On Saturday, April 11, the Chapter "Spring Dinner General Membership Meeting" was held at Liberatore's Restaurant in Timonium, MD. As usual there was GREAT food, some drinking of spirits, and the standard door prizes awarded. A special thanks to Rona Blumenthal for helping to get "willing volunteers" to lead future Chapter activities.

The following events/activities were approved by the BoD and incorporated into the "2015 Chapter Calendar of Events." You will most probably recognize some of these activities as they have been conducted by the Chapter previously. Although all of these activities are listed on the Chapter website, this serves as a gentle reminder of what the Chapter is doing.

- Wednesday, June 10 BoD Meeting at Jerry Blumenthal's Office in Lutherville, MD at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are open to Chapter members. Please contact Ed Levine at 518-369-8811 or <a href="mailto:edxaide@gmail.com">edxaide@gmail.com</a> to let him know you will attend and also for the address of the meeting.
- Saturday, June 20 Road tour to and lunch at Friendly Farm Restaurant, Upperco, MD at 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Steve George at 410-472-2093 or e-Mail at <a href="mailto:ssgeorgesr@aol.com">ssgeorgesr@aol.com</a>. no later than June 17. Please be sure to tell Steve if you are going on the road tour or if you will meet us at the restaurant.
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As you can see from the list above, the Chapter offers MANY different things to do, most of which involve driving your Corvettes. These activities can **NOT** be successful if you don't **PARTICIPATE**. We need your support by attending and helping out at these events. With that in mind I want to thank the following Chapter members for "stepping up to the plate and volunteering to lead activities: Steve George - Road Tour and lunch at Friendly Farm Restaurant; Len Maiolatesi – **two** Road Tours and brunches at Wyncote Country Club; Steve and Eileen Lesser - Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital donation event, swim party, and lunch; Ed and Rosemary Ranier and Nick Giampetro - Road Tour and Paid-Up Membership Luncheon; Tim and Trisha Davis - Fall Dinner General Membership Meeting; and Jerry and Rona Blumenthal for finding restaurants for our various dinners and for organizing the food for the swim party and lunch after the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital event. If the Chapter members listed above had not volunteered, there was a danger that those events would NOT be offered, so please be sure to thank them when you see them at a Chapter event/activity.

I look forward to seeing you at as many of Mason-Dixon Chapter events/activities as your schedule allows. I encourage you to drive your Corvettes as much as possible as they are designed "to be driven" and not parked in your garage as "Garage Queens" as I believe that some of them have become. When you drive your Corvette, please be sure to drive it safely as we want to see you at Chapter events/activities. Finally, please remember to "Save the Wave."

Sincerely, John Veen, Chapter Chairman Mason Dixon Chapter, NCRS

# Vice Chairman's Report – Jim Buckley

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

Well Spring has finally sprung. At last, we can enjoy the top down weather.

Rick really does need more people to help judge. If you can read, you can help. It is not as complicated as you think it is. Please participate.

Thanks to all who were able to attend the Carolina Regional and came back with awards. On that note, The National Convention in Denver, Colorado is being held July 19-24. Also, July 25 we will have our Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital check donation. The swim party afterwards at Steve and Eileen's house is outstanding. We thank both of them for having us. July 30 to August 2nd is the Mecum car auction in Harrisburg Pa. August 27-30 will be Corvettes at Carlisle. Please come out and support our Chapter.

Best to all, Vice chairman Jim

# Treasurer's Report

- Len Maiolatesi

Our checking account balance as of 05/25/31 is \$15,818.28. Thanks. Len

#### **Recording Secretary's Report**

- Ed Levine

Minutes of the Spring Dinner Meeting Mason-Dixon Chapter of the NCRS at Libertore's Ristorante Timonium, Maryland Saturday, April 11, 2015

## Chairman's Report

- John Veen mentioned that the last time he had the opportunity to speak with a group of Chapter members was at the November 15, 2014 Mason-Dixon Spring Membership Dinner Meeting.
- John recognized the Mason-Dixon Chapter Board of Directors and the Managers and had them stand. John also asked the spouses of the Board members and managers to stand to be recognized also.

- John also recognized Steve and Eileen Lesser and Juliet page for their many years of service to the Chapter.
- John mentioned that the Chapter needed to change the way of doing business as a result of the changes in the Board and some of the Manager positions. John reminded the members that because of the changes, the Chapter needs members to volunteer to fill individual event/activity leader/coordinator positions and that if the positions are not filled in sufficient time for the event to be planned, the event/activity will be cancelled.
- John recognized the following members for volunteering to help with Chapter activities: Rick Aleshire for coordinating a "practice judging" of George Frizzell's '67 big block roadster and the March 29 Judging Meet at Ron Adams Chevrolet; Cyndy Allen for coordinating the "Cars and Coffee" event at Hunt Valley Mall last Saturday (they had 800-1,000 vehicles attend including a tank); Eileen Lesser for coordinating this dinner event; Nick Giampetro for volunteering to help Eileen tonight; Rona Blumenthal for volunteering to find event/activity coordinators; and Steve George for serving as the coordinator of the Road Tour and luncheon at Friendly Farm.
- John also mentioned that we still need to find some coordinators, so please help the Chapter by volunteering.
- John again explained the difference between NCRS National dues and Mason-Dixon Chapter dues as this continues to be a problem for Len Maiolatesi, the Chapter Treasurer. John also mentioned that Len will send out the renewal reminder e-Mails earlier this year so that he can close the books on membership renewals by the end of December. John asked the members for their cooperation on this matter.
- John mentioned the progress the Board of Directors has made by commenting on the following:
  - In 2015 the Board has held two meetings January 28 and March 18
  - At the March 18 meeting the 2015 Calendar of Events was finalized and it has been e-Mailed to all Chapter members. Over the next few weeks it will be uploaded to the Mason-Dixon Chapter website. Please be sure to take a look at the calendar and decide what events and activities you can attend.
  - Some of the events included in the calendar are: four Board of Directors Meetings (hopefully you received the Meeting Minutes from the first two) remember any Chapter member can attend we just need to know ahead of time; two membership dinner meetings, of which this is the first; the Road Tour and Luncheon at Friendly Farm Restaurant; two road tours to Wyncote Country Club in Oxford, PA with the bel Air Corvette Club; the donation event at the Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital and the swim party and lunch at Steve and Eileen Lesser's house; the Road Tour and Paid-Up Membership Luncheon; Corvettes at Carlisle; and a "new" road tour to the Hagerstown Aviation Museum, lunch in Brunswick, and a visit to the Brunswick Railroad Museum.
  - In addition to the listings of Mason-Dixon Chapter events, the calendar also includes the dates and locations of the NCRS National Convention plus some upcoming NCRS Regional and Chapter events.
- John commented that he was "underwhelmed" by the responses to his e-Mails requesting nominations for "Chapter Member of the Year Award" and also for any suggestions for events/activities for 2015. John

reminded the members that the Board listened to Chapter members, and incorporated the Road Tour and lunch at Friendly Farm and that it was a GREAT event. John asked the members to let the Board know what they you would like to do as the Board wants to include activities that are about Corvettes but also activities that involve DRIVING our Corvettes.

- John again acknowledged and thanked the Board members for hard work and dedication to the Mason-Dixon Chapter.
- John described the many contributions of the two "Chapter Members of the Year." The first recipient was Jerry Blumenthal and John presented Jerry with the plaque signifying Jerry's award. The second recipient was Len Maiolatesi who was not able to attend. John asked Jerry to be recognized and that Chapter members should contact Len and to congratulate him for his award.
- John asked if anyone had any questions for him or for the Board members. No questions were presented and John asked the Board members to provide the Chapter members with other things that were happening in the Chapter
- Following the Board member comments, John turned the meeting over to Steve Lesser for the door prize portion of the meeting.

## Vice Chairman's Report

- Jim Buckley reported that the paperwork is up to date for this year's Chapter of Year award and he anticipates that our chapter will again receive the award from NCRS National.

## Treasurer's Report

- As Len Maiolatesi was unable to attend, John Veen announced that there was approximately \$16,000 in the Chapter treasury.

## **Membership Chairman Report**

- As Len Maiolatesi was unable to attend, John Veen announced that the Chapter now had 100 members

#### **Recording Secretary's Report**

- Ed Levine indicated that he was happy to start his new job and appreciates the help he has received from the present Board members and the past Recording Secretary, Eileen Lesser.
- Ed informed the membership that he is in possession of a number of club window decals. If anyone is in need of one please contact him.
- A big thank you to Steve & Eileen Lesser for securing, assembling, and transporting raffle gifts.
- Door prizes were collected and distributed to our members courtesy of Reliable-Churchill distributors, Café Hon, Pasticcio Restaurant, by Ed and Rosemary Ranier, Bruce and Marlene Solomon, Dennis and Donna Miedusiewski, Gus and Jeanette Tsamouras, and Steve and Eileen Lesser.

#### **Judging Chairman's Report**

- Rick Aleshire announced that there was a practice judging of George Frizzell's 1967 big block car on the date of the largest snowfall of the year.

- Rick reported that the annual Spring Judging Meet at Ron Adams Chevrolet in Havre de Grace was on March 29th. There were 8 cars judged, with four cars being Mason Dixon member cars. All eight cars achieved **Top Flight Awards**. The four member cars were as follows: 1956 Ray Jennings, (and he is a new member); 1966 Nick Giampetro; 1967 Richard Brodbeck; and a 1968 L-88 Gerry Yursis.
- Rick also asked that anyone with a technical article for the newsletter should contact him

## Social Activities Chairman's Report

- John Veen and Gus Tsamouras had nothing to report because the "2015 Calendar of Events" has been finalized and will be available on the Chapter website.

#### **Co-Webmasters' Report**

- Tim Davis and Gus Tsamouras reported that they are meeting regularly to discuss website issues and improvements

# Historian's Report

- Jerry Blumenthal had nothing new to report

## **Good & Welfare Report**

- Ed Levine announced "Get Well" wishes to the following:
- Marlene Solomon after her recent hip surgery
- Jeanette Tsamouras after her recent surgery
- Dr. Howard Fisher after his recent surgery
- Ed Levine asked the membership to send him any news, of a personal nature, that members would like included in this section of the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Levine Recording Secretary Mason-Dixon Chapter NCRS

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# Membership Chairman's Report

#### - Len Maiolatesi

We currently have 103 members. Please remember to pay your National NCRS dues before your membership expires. REMEMBER: You must be a current member of NCRS to remain a member of Mason Dixon. An invoice for your 2016 Mason Dixon dues will be emailed to you on November 1, 2015. Please pay that when you receive my email. Thanks. Len

# **Judging Chairman's Report**

#### - Rick Aleshire

Well, in the area of judging, Mason Dixon hosted our annual Spring judging meet at Ron Adams in Havre de Grace, MD on March 29<sup>th</sup>. We had judges from surrounding NCRS chapters, as well as around EIGHTEEN Chapter members judge FOUR Mason Dixon member cars. I am happy to announce that all four cars were judged TOP FLIGHT!









Ray Jennings – 1956 Nick Giampetro – 1966 Richard Brodbeck – 1967 Gerry Yursis - 1968



There were a number of Mason Dixon members who made the trek to Concord, NC for the April Carolina Regional Meet. Helena and Bob Jones trailered their beautiful 1978 Pace Car for Bowtie display, and eventual award of the 5<sup>th</sup> Star at the National in Denver later July 2015. Richard and Keith Brodbeck trailered their 1967 Big Block car for Flight Judging and earned TOP Flight. Cynthia and Jack Mason trailered their 1963 for Flight Judging and earned Top Flight. John Veen drove his 1993 and earned Sportsman award and "longest driven. Rick Aleshire drove his 2015 and earned Sportsman award. And, finally the following individuals were involved in judging: Rick Aleshire; Keith Brodbeck; Jack Brown; Tom Doi; John St Peter; Alan Struck; John Veen; John Yglesias.

## Social Activities Chairman's Report John Veen and Gus Tsamouras, Co-Chairmen

As we mentioned in our previous report, the "2015 Chapter Calendar of Events" includes many Chapter events/activities for which we needed individual activity coordinators. Because of this need, a number of changes in the management of the Social Activities Program were required. One of the changes resulted in the need for the oversight of all Chapter events/activities. What that means is that we (John and Gus) will not only oversee the overall events/activities, one of us may make the initial contact with prospective venues or service providers for each event/activity. Once the event/activity has been initiated, the event/activity will be transferred to the individual event/activity coordinator. This was a major change from how the program was previously operated.

Well, so far, we survived the "transition" and we are happy to report that we are moving forward with our "new" management of the Chapter events/activities. As this was a significant change in how events/activities are managed, we needed to recruit Chapter members to lead/coordinate individual single Chapter activities. As we were successful in finding Chapter members to serve as activity coordinators, we need to thank those Chapter members who volunteered to help. Because of their willingness to lead and coordinate an event or activity, we can now state that all of the scheduled Chapter events/activities have a coordinator. We would like to thank the following Chapter members for stepping forward:

- Rona Blumenthal talking to Chapter members at the Fall Dinner General Membership Meeting and convincing them to lead a Chapter activity;
- Steve George Road Tour and lunch at Friendly Farm Restaurant;
- Len Maiolatesi **two** Road Tours and brunches at Wyncote Country Club;

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- Jerry Blumenthal finding restaurants for our various dinners, organizing the food for the swim party and lunch after the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital event, and solving the problem of where to hold our BoD Meetings.

At the risk of duplicating information that appears in other reports in this newsletter, we want to make sure that you, the Chapter members, are aware of what Chapter events are upcoming so that you can plan your calendars accordingly. Here is a list of the Chapter events/activities offered:

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Although we have been successful in finding Chapter members who are willing to lead and coordinate Chapter events, please remember that the Chapter WILL ALWAYS NEED YOUR HELP so please BE READY TO volunteer to be an event/activity coordinator. As an event/activity coordinator you probably will meet other Mason-Dixon Chapter members that you may not have previously known. So, it should enable you to expand your group of friends and strengthen your friendships with other Chapter members which, as we see it, are reasons to join organizations such as the NCRS and the Mason-Dixon Chapter.

Keep an eye out for the BoD Meeting Minutes and also the "2015 Chapter calendar of Events" so you can plan the Chapter events/activities you want to attend and then to save the dates by marking your calendars.

The weather has changed (for the better) so you need to uncover your Corvettes, clean them up for summer and take them for a long drive. Please be sure to drive your Corvette safely and also "Save the wave."

# Historian's Report - Jerry Blumenthal

Folks, we really do need everyone's help here! This is for everyone to enjoy the past history of our Chapter. 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

#### - Tim Davis / Gus Tsamouras

This month we're going to try something new.... Publish the Newsletter in a single PDF file. It seems that many of our club members now have highspeed or broadband internet access, so we're hoping that the download issues of the past, might well be, well, past us! - Let us know if you can't read this.

# 1971 Owner's Packet Items by Alan Struck #15579

This month's "Tech article" is a little different than normal, as we present Alan Struck's beautiful 1971, which received Top Flight at a Mason Dixon Chapter meet. The contents of the glove box as the car was judged is presented to hopefully help others as they get ready for flight judging.

The following pictures of Alan's beautiful 1971 sitting in his driveway; being NCRS judged.





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Clear Plastic Envelope. Imprinted with yellow rectangular key. Part #3960779, dated 3-19-68

Consumer Information Booklet. Part #3995713, dated August 1970.

Trim Ring Card. Part #3913832, dated 9- 23-66.

Key Envelope. Rectangular key graphic. Part #3958690

Radio Instruction Booklet. Part #7306110, dated 11-8-67.

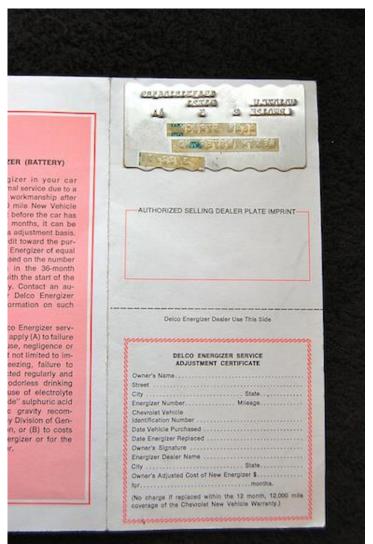
Warranty Folder. Folder color varied; red and white in 1971. Part #3988977.

Owner's Manual. 2 editions for the 1971 model year; both Part #3991062, First dated Sept. 70, and Second dated Feb.1971.

Corvette News Card. (In front of Owner's Manual.) Card color varied year to year; light blue for 1971.

Protect-o-plate. (in Warranty Folder). Green GM logo on plastic tape used by dealer for owner's information.

License Screw Envelope. (Not shown.) 4 license screws were included in a small brown paper envelope. When 2 plates were installed on the car (as in Maryland) the envelope was typically discarded by the dealer.









Official 1987 GM Photo

The 1987 Corvette gave way to several changes for the year all in an effort to gain back a waning buying population. From added speed to added comfort, the engineering department at GM pulled out many stops but in the end it simply wasn't enough.

For 1987, Chevy revamped the Corvette engine in an attempt to improve the fuel economy and improve performance by lessening the friction. The result saw racer-like rollers being added to the Vette engine's lifters for an end result pick up of ten horsepower. This brought the total horsepower up to 240 and also increased the torque by 15 foot pounds up to 345.

The 1987 Corvette's engine improvements saw it go from 0 to 60 miles per hour in 6.3 seconds. The car would also do a standing quarter mile run in 15.11 seconds at a peak speed of almost 94 miles per hour. As far as fast went, the 1987 Corvette did not disappoint.

Inside the 1987 Corvette were all the comforts of the years past models and then some. While buyers knew that they were indeed obtaining a performance car, when sitting indie it was hard not to feel as though a luxury car was being driven. One of the more notable changes to the interior of the 1987 Corvette was the edition of the optional six way power seat for the passenger side if desired.

The biggest news though came by way of suspension options. A buyer of the 1987 Corvette had the choice of opting for either a Z51 suspension upgrade or a Z52 Upgrade and they broke down as follows:

- Z51: This option was the top of the line race inspired suspension that featured stiffer springs and upgraded bushings. Also included was a solid rear stabilizer that added even more grip when cornering.
- Z52: This \$470 "sport package" handling option was basically a lighter and softer version of the Z51. Z52 extras included a radiator boost fan, Bilstein shocks, an engine oil-cooler, a heavy-duty radiator, 16 x 9.5-inch wheels, faster 13:1 steering, and a larger front stabilizer bar. The Z52 option was available with the coupe and convertible, and only the manual transmission. While springs and bushings were carried over from the base model chassis, the wider wheels and enhanced anti-roll bar made for a much nicer handling ride from the base line model.

While not a factory option, if a buyer was serious about speed and didn't mind dropping an extra 20 grand then they could opt for the installation of a Calloway Twin Turbo Engine package. The special engine that was installed at the Calloway plant in Connecticut saw the 1987 Corvette put out 345 horsepower and would have the car burn a top speed of just under 178 miles per hour. However, with the base price of the Corvette now at \$27,999 there were few takers on the special package with only 184 paying the price for perfection.

Once again the 1987 Corvette did not disappoint in any department except for one; sales. Continuing a downward trend the 1987 Corvette moved 30,632 units which was lower than the year before. On a bright note, the convertible sales did better than 1986 but overall it was another lackluster showing for the super car.

Visual changes on the '87 Corvette are hard to spot. On the wheels there was a paint change to argent gray on the center-section and radial slots. Interior changes included relocating the "overdrive engage" light to the tachometer display area, a lighted vanity mirror, heated side-view mirrors, rear window defogger, six-way power seats, and standard electronic air-conditioning. Two anti-theft devices were now used major parts received I.D. tags and if not properly started, the fuel pump was disengaged.

Corvettes have always been prime targets for car thiefs, so a novel anti-theft system was introduced for the 1986 'vette. Embedded in each key was an electrical resistor whose value acted like a code. If the car did not read the correct code, starting was disabled and a built in delay prevented a restart attempt for two minutes.







Official 1987 GM Photo

Wheels for 1987 were painted Argent Gray in the center section and radial slot areas. In 1986, only the radial slots were Argent Gray. 1984 and 1985 wheels were essentially the same, but flat black in both areas. Wind deflectors on the side mirrors were part of all 1987 convertibles; some 1986 convertibles and 1987 coupes were similarly equipped.

**Options** 

	Options		
RPO	Description	Production	Price
24S	Removable Roof Panel, blue tint (coupe)	8,883 (29.00%)	\$615
64S	Removable Roof Panel, bronze tint (coupe)	5,766 (18.82%)	\$615
AC1	Power Passenger Seat	17,123 (55.90%)	\$240
AC3	Power Driver Seat	29,561 (96.50%)	\$240
AQ9	Sports Seats, leather	14,119 (46.09%)	\$1,025
AR9	Base Seats, leather	14,561 (47.54%)	\$400
AU3	Power Door Locks	29,748 (97.11%)	\$190
B2K	Callaway Twin Turbo (not GM installed)	188 (0.61%)	\$19,995
B4P	Radiator Boost Fan	7,291 (23.80%)	\$75
C2L	Dual Removable Roof Panels (coupe)	5,017 (16.38%)	\$915
C68	Electronic Air Conditioning Control	20,875 (68.15%)	\$150
D74	Illuminated Driver Vanity Mirror	14,992 (48.94%)	\$58
D84	Two-Tone Paint (coupe)	1,361 (4.44%)	\$428
DL8	Twin Remote Heated Mirrors (convertible)	6,840 (22.33%)	\$35
FG3	Delco-Bilstein Shock Absorbers	1,957 (6.39%)	\$189
G92	Performance Axle Ratio, 3.07:1	7,286 (23.79%)	\$22
K34	Cruise Control	29,594 (96.61%)	\$185
KC4	Engine Oil Cooler	6,679 (21.80%)	\$110
MM4	4-Speed Manual Transmission	4,298 (14.03%)	n/a
NN5	California Emission Requirements	5,423 (17.70%)	\$99
UL5	Radio Delete	247 (0.81%)	n/a
UM6	AM-FM Stereo Cassette	2,236 (7.30%)	\$132
UU8	Stereo System, Delco-Bose	27,721 (90.50%)	\$905
V01	Heavy-Duty Radiator	7,871 (25.70%)	\$40
<b>Z</b> 51	Performance Handling Package (coupe)	1,596 (5.21%)	\$795
Z52	Sport Handling Package	12,662 (41.34%)	\$470
Z6A	Rear Window + Side Mirror Defoggers (coupe)	19,043 (62.17%)	\$165

**Total Production:** 30,632 **Coupe:** 20,007 (65.31%) **Convertible:** 10,625 (34.69%)

**Notes:** Base Corvette Coupe with 350 cu. in. 235 hp engine and four speed automatic transmission: \$27,999.00.

Base Corvette Convertible with 350 cu. in. 235 hp engine and four speed automatic transmission: \$33,172.00.

# **SERIAL NUMBERS:**

Coupe 1G1YY2182H5100001 - 1G1YY2182H5130632 Convertible 1G1YY3182H5100001 - 1G1YY3182H5130632

# **Colors**

Code	Exterior	Quantity	Interior	Soft Top
13	Silver Metallic	767 (2.50%)	Graphite / Medium Gray	Black / White
13/18	Silver / Gray	403 (1.32%)	Graphite / Medium Gray / Red	n/a
18	Medium Gray Metallic	1,035 (3.38%)	Graphite / Medium Gray / Red	Black / White
18/41	Gray / Black	316 (1.03%)	Graphite / Medium Gray	n/a
20	Medium Blue Metallic	2,677 (8.74%)	Blue / Graphite	Black / White
35	Yellow	1,051 (3.43%)	Graphite	Black / White
40	White	3,097 (10.11%)	Blue / Bronze / Graphite / Medium Gray / Red / Saddle	Black / Saddle / White
40/13	White / Silver	195 (0.64%)	Graphite / Medium Gray	n/a
41	Black	5,101 (16.65%)	Graphite / Medium Gray / Red / Saddle	Black / Saddle / White
53	Gold Metallic	397 (1.30%)	Graphite / Saddle	Black / Saddle
59	Silver Beige Metallic	950 (3.10%)	Bronze / Graphite	Black
59/69	Silver Beige /	447 (1.46%)	Bronze	n/a
	Medium Bro	117 (111070)	Bronze	11/ α
66	Medium Bro Copper Metallic	87 (0.28%)	Graphite / Saddle	Black / Saddle
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69	Copper Metallic Medium Brown	87 (0.28%) 245 (0.80%)	Graphite / Saddle	Black / Saddle
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# **Komedy Korner**

#### One Line Zingers

- If Cain and Able were Siamese twins, would they be Cable?
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst, for they are sticking to their diets.
- The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.
- "I've taken a vow of poverty. To annoy me, send money."
- Warning notice at a seminary swimming pool: "First-year students are only allowed to walk on the shallow end."
- "If absence makes the heart grow fonder," said a minister, "a lot of folks must love our church."

#### Senior Chuckles

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

Old age is when you have stopped growing at both ends, and have begun to grow in the middle.

Old age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.

A man has reached old age when he is cautioned to slow down by his Doctor instead of by the police.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation, As you grow older, it will avoid you.

You're getting old when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

Old age is when it takes longer to rest than to get tired.

When I get old, I'm going to move in with my kids; hog the computer; pay no bills; eat all the food; trash the house; and when asked to clean, pitch a fit like it's killing me!

I've reached an age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me!

My brain is like the Bermuda Triangle. Information goes in and then it's never found again!

Why retirees are always so happy – Yippee! I woke up!

Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes, I need expert advice!

I really think that tossing and turning at night should be considered as exercise.

Hmmmmmm......And, yet another day has passed and I did not use Algebra once....very interesting.

Aging seems to be the only available way to live a longer life.

We're all mature until someone pulls out bubble wrap.

Why does toilet paper need a commercial!? Who is not buying this!?

When I die I want my lat words to be "I left a million dollars under the....."

Some people just need a sympathetic pat on the head......With a hammer!

#### Build Me a Bridge

A man walking along a California beach was deep in prayer. Suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over anytime I want." The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that would honor and glorify me."

The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand my wife. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says 'nothing's wrong,' and how I can make a woman truly happy."

The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

#### Future Minister

After church on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided I'm going to be a minister when I grow up."

"That's okay with us," the mother said, "But what made you decide to be a minister?"

"Well," the boy replied, "I'll have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit still and listen."

## **Bulletin Bloopers**

The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

A songfest was hell at the Methodist church Wednesday.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Thursday night Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

#### Passover Miracles for Moses?

Moses was sitting in the Egyptian ghetto. Things were terrible. Pharaoh wouldn't even speak to him. The rest of the Israelites were mad at him and making the overseers even more irritable than usual, etc. He was about ready to give up.

Suddenly a booming, sonorous voice spoke from above: "You, Moses, heed me! I have good news, and bad news."

Moses was staggered. The voice continued: "You, Moses, will lead the People of Israel from bondage. If Pharaoh refuses to release your bonds, I will smite Egypt with a rain of frogs."

"You, Moses, will lead the People of Israel to the Promised Land. If Pharaoh blocks your way, I will smite Egypt with a plague of Locust."

"You, Moses, will lead the People of Israel to freedom and safety. If Pharaoh's army pursues you, I will part the waters of the Red Sea to open your path to the Promised Land."

Moses was stunned. He stammered, "That's...that's fantastic. I can't believe it! But what's the bad news?"

"You, Moses, must write the Environmental Impact Statement."

#### **Biblical Financiers**

- Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
- A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
- A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

#### **Ecumenical Greenbacks**

My home church welcomes all denominations, but really prefers tens and twenties.

#### A Recently Spotted Bumper Sticker:

"Next time you think you're perfect, try walking on water."

#### Trying to Please Mama

The first woman was elected U.S. president. She called her mom to make sure she was coming to the inauguration.

"I don't know, dear. What would I wear?"

"Don't worry, Mom. I'll send a designer to help you."

"But you know I need special foods for my diet."

"Mom, I'm going to be the president. I can get you the food you need."

"But how will I get there?"

"I'll send a limo, Mom. Just come!"

"OK, OK, if it makes you happy."

The great day came, and Mama was seated with the future cabinet members. She nudged the man on her right. "See that girl, the one with her hand on the Bible? Her brother's a doctor!"

#### The Israeli Archaeologist

An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and came upon a casket containing a mummy, a rather rare occurrence in Israel, to say the least. After examining it, he called Abe, the curator of the

Israel museum in Jerusalem.

"I've just discovered a 3,000 year old mummy of a man who died of heart failure!" the excited scientist exclaimed. Abe replied, "Bring him in. We'll check it out."

A week later, the amazed Abe called the archaeologist. "You were right about both the mummy's age and cause of death. How in the world did you know?"

"Easy. There was a piece of paper in his hand that said, '10,000 Shekels on Goliath'."

#### Bibles to Boats

A young man from Nebraska moves to Florida and goes to a big "everything under one roof" department store looking for a job. The manager asks, "Do you have any sales experience?" The kid replies, "Yeah, I was one of the best Bible salesman back in Omaha."

The boss liked the kid and gave him the job. "You can start tomorrow. I'll come down after we close and see how you did."

His first day on the job was rough, but he got through it. After the store was locked up, the boss came down. "How many customers bought something from you today?"

The kid responds, "One."

The boss says, "Just one? Our sales people average 20 to 30 customers a day. How much was the sale for?"

"\$101,237.65."

"\$101,237.65? Holy Mother Mary! What did you sell to him?"

"First, I sold him a small fish hook. Then, I sold him a medium fish hook. Then, I sold him a larger fish hook. Then, I sold him a new fishing rod. Then, I asked him where he was going fishing and he said down the coast. I told him he was going to need a boat, so we went down to the boat department, and I sold him a twin engine Boston Whaler. Then, he said he didn't think his car would pull it, so I took him down to the automobile department and sold him a 4x4 truck with all the bells and whistles."

"A guy came in here to buy a fish hook, and you sold him a boat and a truck?!"

"No, the guy came in here to buy feminine products for his wife, and I said, 'Dude, your weekend's shot. You should go fishing."					