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March 2015**

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Chairman's Report

– John Veen

It's mid-March, 2015 and we have had what I would consider a "moderate" winter in terms of the amount of snow - more than last year but much less than the snow amounts in Massachusetts. However, this winter the wind-chill factors have been absolutely FRIGID!! We just had what I believe (and hope) will be the last snowfall, the temperature is starting to rise, and the snow and ice are finally melting. I'm ready to uncover the Corvettes and take them out for their first drive of 2015.

As I write what is my first Chairman's Report of my second two-year term, I am again very much looking forward to what the next two years holds for the Chapter. Time really does fly when you're having fun and I can say that the past two years really have been fun and that's why I'm looking forward to serving as your Chapter Chairman for the next two years.

As I have done at the beginning of every year, and before I summarize some of the things the Board of Directors and I have in mind for 2015, I want to again thank the Board of Directors for their continuous and never ending support of me and of the Mason-Dixon Chapter during 2014. Without their hard work, this Chapter would cease to function and would not exist. Therefore, when you see members of the Mason-Dixon Board of Directors (Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary) and our top level managers (Social Activities Chairman, Membership Chairman, Historian, Webmasters, Judging Chairman, and Magazine Editor) and any former Chapter Chairmen, former Board members, and former top level managers, please be sure to thank them for their time and effort in maintaining the high standards of the Mason-Dixon Chapter!

Again, I also want to thank three Chapter members who retired from their Chapter positions at the end of 2014. Eileen Lesser served as Chapter Recording Secretary for about 17 years. Eileen's husband, Steve Lesser, also retired from his position of Social Activities Chairman after 15 years, and Juliet Page retired from her position of Chapter Webmistress after serving for 8 years. When you see them at Chapter events please be sure to thank them for the many, many hours of service they devoted to the success of the Chapter - they truly deserve the accolades and recognition.

On January 28, the Board of Directors held its first meeting of 2015. We started the development of the "2015 Chapter Calendar of Events" and we hope to finalize it at the next Board Meeting which is scheduled for March 18, 2015. 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 www.ncrs.org/masondixon.com 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 Board of Directors is working, please be sure to review the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes that are distributed via e-Mail following every meeting. I believe you will see some interesting topics we are discussing.

Below there are three separate groups of events/activities presented below. First, are those events that occurred in January and February, 2015. Second are the events that have been approved by the Board of Directors and are already on the Chapter calendar. The last group includes those events, some of which are new, that the Board of Directors will consider for inclusion in the "2015 Chapter Calendar of Events."

Since my last report in December, 2014, although there haven't been too many Chapter events that were conducted, I want to mention the following:

- On January 28, the Board of Directors held its first meeting of 2015 and started work on the "2015 Chapter Calendar of Events."
- On February 21, a "Practice Judging" of George Frizzell's beautiful '67 big block roadster was conducted at his house in Severna Park. You may recall that was the day of the VERY large snowstorm and needless to say, the trip home was quite nerve-racking but also quite "adventurous."

For 2015, the following events/activities already have been approved by the Board of Directors and are included in the "2015 Chapter Calendar of Events":

- Wed., March 18, 7:00 p.m. - Board of Directors' Meeting - Jerry Blumenthal's Office, Lutherville, Maryland - RSVP to Ed Levine at 518-369-8811 or edxaide@gmail.com
- Sun., March 29 - Judging Meet at Ron Adams Chevrolet, Havre de Grace, MD - RSVP to Rick Aleshire at 410-551-4976 or mdninja1@hotmail.com
- Sat., April 4 - Hunt Valley Mall - "Coffee and Cars" - 3rd Anniversary Extravaganza - 8:00-10:00 a.m. - RSVP to Cyndy Allen at 443-622-7020 or 410-316-5324 or Callen8200@verizon.net (No later than March 26)
- Sat, April 11, 6:30 p.m. - Spring Dinner Meeting at Liberatore's Ristorante, Timonium, MD - RSVP to Eileen Lesser at 410-484-9242 or eileen3304steve@verizon.net (No later than April 6)

At the upcoming March 18 Board of Directors' Meeting, the following events/activities, which we have conducted in previous years, will be considered for incorporation into the "2015 Chapter Calendar of Events":

- Sun., June 28, 9:00 a.m. - Road Tour to Wyncote Country Club, Oxford, PA with Bel Air Corvette Club
- Sat, July 25, 11:00 a.m. - Donation event at Mt Washington Pediatric Hospital - Baltimore, MD - Swim party and light lunch at Steve and Eileen Lesser's house
- Thurs, Fri, or Sat, July 30, August 1 or 2 - Mecum Car Auction, Harrisburg, PA - Road tour and caravan to car auction
- Fri-Sat-Sun, Aug 27-30 - Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA - Mason-Dixon tents at the fairgrounds
- Sun., Nov (Date TBD), 9:00 a.m. - Road Tour to Wyncote Country Club, Oxford, PA with Bel Air Corvette Club
- Sat, Nov 14 - Fall Dinner General Membership meeting - restaurant to be determined

The following suggestions that were submitted for discussion and consideration as possible events/activities for 2015 may also be discussed:

- Road tour to Roseda Farms for a BBQ and hayride in Monkton, Maryland
- Road tour to Sagamore Farms in Reisterstown, Maryland
- Road tour to "Vintage Car Racing" at Summit Point, West Virginia (Need to check calendar for date(s))
- Road tour to Hagerstown Airport (antique airplanes) and Brunswick Railroad Station Museum (with lunch mid-day between the two tours)
- Road tour to Linganore Winery in Mount Airy, Maryland - wine tasting
- Road Tour to AACA Museum, Hershey, Pennsylvania
- Road tour to Harley Davidson Plant, York, Pennsylvania
- Road tour to Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania - Christmas holiday timeframe
- A suggestion that one of the dinner meetings be changed to a luncheon so that Chapter members can be encouraged to bring their Corvettes and everyone can look at them in the daylight.

As you can see the list of possible "new" events/activities that could be included in the "2015 Chapter Calendar of Events" is VERY large and, for obvious reasons, there is no way possible that all will be included. However, as I have stated in an e-Mail message earlier this month, ".....this is a membership organization and not a BoD Chapter. The Chapter REALLY needs your help in conducting the individual events/activities that are offered by the Chapter. The bottom line here is if we do NOT have Chapter members "step up to the plate" to volunteer and fill these positions, any and all events/activities which do NOT have event/activity leaders will NOT be conducted. Additionally, as you are probably aware, the Chapter has earned a Chapter of the Year Award for the past THIRTEEN years. The Chapter is required to conduct a specific number of events/activities to earn this award. If we do not conduct these events/activities, we run the risk of not earning a Chapter of the Year Award from NCRS National. Hopefully, none of you wants to be part of the reason we fail to attain a Chapter of the Year Award this year! Also, if these events/activities are not conducted we will not have the opportunity to socialize and talk about the one item we all have in common - the Corvette.

I look forward to seeing you at as many of Mason-Dixon Chapter events/activities as your schedule allows. Please be sure to drive your Corvettes as much as possible as they are designed "to be driven" and not parked in your garage but be sure to drive them safely. 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, as I sit here composing this report the temperature outside of my house is zero degrees. Not even close to being ideal Corvette top-down driving. Depending upon where you live February might break or at least tie for the lowest degree temperatures. Brrrrrrr.

Looking forward to a lot of great Corvette activities to help us get over and forget how long we were suffering from cabin fever. March 29th is the judging event at Ron Adam's Chevrolet. Please help us to make this a record breaking turn-out. We need help getting new good records to counteract the cold. Please find time to attend.

April 18th is our Spring dinner meeting. May 3rd is the road tour which is very enjoyable and a good nice outdoor event. We are all looking forward to blasting out of the winter doldrums and into the SPRING thaw.

Join us! Take care and keep warm until we can meet up at one of the afore mentioned events.
Best to all, Vice chairman Jim

Treasurer's Report
- Len Maiolatesi

Our checking account balance as of 02/25/15 is \$16,304.82. Thanks. Len

Recording Secretary's Report
- Ed Levine

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Mason-Dixon Chapter of the N.C.R.S.

At the office of Jerry Blumenthal

Lutherville, Maryland

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Attendance:

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| John Veen | Jim Buckley | Len Maiolatesi | Rick Aleshire |
| Glenn Gitschier | Tim Davis | Jerry Blumenthal | Gus Tsamouras |

Call to Order

After a light dinner, John Veen called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Reading of the Minutes

John Veen asked for a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from the November 15, 2014 “Fall Dinner General Membership Meeting.” A motion accepting the Meeting Minutes as submitted was made, seconded, and approved.

Chairman’s Report

- John Veen thanked all of the Board members for their time, work and support over the past year. John indicated that he thought that the Chapter had a VERY good year and hoped that this year will be at least as good if not better.
- John individually thanked Jim Buckley for coordinating all of the paperwork necessary for Top Flight consideration; Len Maolatesi for overseeing the Chapter finances and the Membership Roster, for providing the copy of the Treasurer’s Report and also for the updated Membership Roster; Ed Levine for providing a copy of the “2014 Calendar of Events” for our planning of the “2015 Calendar of Events.”; Rick Aleshire for scheduling the “Practice Judging Session” on February 21 and the March Judging Meet on March 29; Jerry Blumenthal for providing a venue for the meeting; Gus Tsamouras and Tim Davis for working with Juliet Page and updating the Chapter website; Juliet Page for meeting with Tim Davis and Gus Tsamouras and guiding them through the modification and updating of the website and Glenn Gitschier for volunteering to serve as the Social Activities Chairman and for attending the meetings.
- John asked for every Board member’s support in resolving any and all issues for the benefit of the Chapter
- John indicated that he was looking forward to working with all of the current Board members over the next year as we conduct the work of the NCRS Mason-Dixon Chapter
- John congratulated Jim Buckley for **AGAIN** coordinating the Top Flight Award activities and making sure that the Chapter met the necessary requirements
- John asked that ALL current Board members visit the NCRS National Website to review the responsibilities of each Board Member - John stated that this was VERY important
- John mentioned that there is an item on the NCRS Website entitled the “Memorial Wall” which is for deceased NCRS Members. John mentioned that this should be of special interest to Len Maiolatesi and John as they are responsible for updating “The Wall”
- John repeated his comments about Board members’ conduct at BoD Meetings pertaining to making comments about any NCRS members at all levels of the organization and thanked everyone for their participation during 2014. John also reiterated that during Board Meetings only one person should speak at a time and only one conversation should be taking place at a time. John indicated that everyone has something of value and it is extremely important we listen to everyone who has a comment.
- John reminded the Board members that, per NCRS Guidelines, the Chapter is required to conduct the BoD Meetings under “Roberts Rules of Order.” Therefore, if a meeting topic requires a vote (Budget, Calendar of Events, etc.), a “motion” and a “second” for the motion will be needed, and the vote of the BoD Members will be recorded.
- John mentioned that hopefully by following these items, the meetings will be expedited and hoped that it would promote the exchange of ideas and assist in the resolution of any issues/problems, etc. that are faced.

- John commented on last year's budget and again thanked Len Maiolatesi for his outstanding work on the Chapter finances.
- John commented on the resignation of Glenn Gitschier, Social Activities Chairman indicating that Glenn resigned as a result of job commitments and for personal reasons. John thanked Glenn for his willingness to volunteer for the position and for attending the majority of the 2014 Board Meetings even though his term as Chairman did not start until 2015.

Vice Chairman's Report

Jim Buckley mentioned that the Chapter had received another "Chapter of the Year Award" (COTY) and that an announcement of the award will be made at the Annual Spring Dinner Membership Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Len Maiolatesi announced that as of December 31, 2014 there was a balance of \$15,859.30 in the Chapter Treasury. Len provided a copy of the latest "Treasurer's Report" to all Board members at the meeting for their review.
- Len indicated that the Chapter spent approximately \$1,000 over what the Chapter took in.
- Len stated that he was waiting for information necessary to complete the Maryland State Tax Report but that the Federal Tax Report had been completed.

Membership Chairman Report

- Len Maiolatesi reported that the Chapter had ninety-eight (98) members
- Len stated that in 2014 he had encountered a serious problem with the Mason Dixon membership renewal process. Len sent several e-Mails with no replies or payment from Chapter members. The topic was discussed by the Board members and an agreement was reached to change the membership renewal process by having Len send out the annual membership renewal e-Mail message reminders on November 1st and a follow-up reminder on December 1st. All dues are to be paid by December 15. At that time, Len will make phone calls to members that still have not paid their dues to determine if they still wish to remain a Chapter member.
- Len mentioned that because our bank account is decreasing and the increase in annual NCRS National dues increased from \$35.00 to \$45.00, the Chapter should consider raising the Chapter annual dues from \$35.00 to \$40.00.

Recording Secretary's Report

- As Ed Levine, the Chapter Recording Secretary, was not present, no report was made.

Judging Chairman's Report

- Rick Aleshire announced that there will be a "Practice Judging Session" at Chapter member George Frizzell's garage on February 21 to judge his 1967 big block Corvette.
- Rick also announced that the annual Spring Judging Meet at Ron Adams Chevrolet in Havre de grace has been scheduled for March 29. The announcement appeared in the latest issue of the "Driveline" calendar. Rick indicated that as of the meeting date two (2) cars were registered.

Social Activities Chairman's Report

- Glenn Gitschier repeated that he had resigned due to personal reasons and job commitments.
- Glenn questioned if the Chapter was trying to offer too many activities. He stated that his concern was based on previous Chapter Event calendars and the lack of participation at a number of Chapter sponsored activities and events.

Co-Webmasters' Report

- Tim Davis and Gus Tsamouras reported that they met with Juliet Page, the previous Webmistress, to become familiar with the Chapter website and had updated some of the information on the Chapter website.
- Tim and Gus indicated that they planned to meet every two (2) weeks to discuss any website issues

Historian's Report

- Jerry Blumenthal had nothing to report.

Old Business

- There was no "Old Business" to discuss.

New Business

1.) 2015 Calendar of Events

- John Veen started the discussion with the Chapter "2015 Calendar of Events."
- Jerry Blumenthal suggested the following two (2) new Chapter events. 1.) A trip to Florida in 2016 to attend the Barrett-Jackson Auction in Palm Beach, Florida (which is usually held in April) and also to visit a car museum. Jerry will finalize the cost of the trip and present the details of the trip to the Board of Directors for discussion and approval. 2.) A Chapter cruise out of Baltimore to the Caribbean. In order to get the "best deal," the planning for this cruise would happen very quickly and would require that Chapter members can leave on very short notice. Again details will be finalized and the trip voted on by the Board of Directors and because of the need for quick decision-making, the cruise would most probably announced via the Yahoo Group.
- The Board discussed the date and location for the "Annual Spring Dinner Membership Meeting." A motion was made by Rick Aleshire, seconded by Jim Buckley, and unanimously approved to hold the "Annual Spring Dinner Membership Meeting" at Liberatore's Restaurant in Towson on April 18, 2015.
- Len Maiolatesi announced that the Bel Air Corvette Club will conduct two (2) road tours to Wyncote Country Club in Oxford, Pennsylvania in 2015. The first will be held on May 3rd and the second in early November. The Board of Directors discussed the two (2) road tours and agreed to advertise and participate in both tours. As soon as the November date is set, the event will be included in the Chapter "2015 Calendar of Events."

2.) Chapter Member of the Year

- Len Maiolatesi mentioned that the Board needed to select a Chapter member for the "Chapter member of the Year Award." The Board members decided to ask Chapter members for their

suggestions/nominations for the award. John Veen agreed to send an e-Mail message to Chapter members requesting the names of possible recipients.

3.) Dues Increase Discussion

- Len Maiolatesi stated earlier in the Board Meeting that a dues increase of \$5.00 to an annual fee of \$40.00 should be considered as the Chapter spent \$1,000 more than it realized in dues and fees, etc. in 2014 and also that NCRS has increased the NCRS National dues from \$35.00 to \$45.00. Due to the late hour of the meeting and the fact that this decision does not need to be finalized until later in 2015, the topic was temporarily “tabled” for later discussion.

There was no “**Unfinished Business**” or any additional “**Comments by Officers or Others**” for this meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Glenn Gitschier, seconded by Tim Davis and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Levine

Recording Secretary

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mdncrs@yahoogroups.com

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/mygroups>

Membership Chairman's Report

- Len Maiolatesi

We currently have 98 members (30 Lifetime, 7 Multi-year, 61 Annual). Please remember to pay your National NCRS and Mason Dixon Chapter dues before your membership expires. **REMEMBER** - You must be a current member of NCRS to remain a member of Mason Dixon. Thanks. Len

Judging Chairman's Report

- Rick Aleshire

Well, in the area of judging, Mason Dixon did not have much happening, as our fantastic, plastic toys known as Corvette are tucked away soundly sleeping. There were a number of Chapter members who "practice-judged" George Frizzell's beautiful 1967 big block roadster at his house in Severna Park on February 21st. You may recall that was the day of the VERY large snowstorm and needless to say, the trip home was quite nerve-racking but also quite "adventurous." Additionally, we will host our annual Spring judging meet at Ron Adams in Havre de Grace, MD on March 29th. Currently, we should judge FIVE Mason Dixon member cars. The results of that judging will be documented in the next newsletter.



"Practice Judging" George Frizzell 1967

Social Activities Chairman's Report

John Veen and Gus Tsamouras, Co-Chairmen

In 2014 when Steve Lesser announced that he would step down as the Social Activities Chairman, Glenn Gitschier volunteered to serve as Steve's replacement. During 2014 Glenn attended all of the Board of Directors' Meetings in order to gain a better understanding of the position. In early January, Glenn had to resign from the position due to personal and professional reasons and commitments. We want to thank Glenn for his willingness to serve as Chairman and we appreciate his dedication and service to the Chapter.

Steve Lesser served as the Chairman of the Social Activities Program for approximately 14 years. During that time there have been a number of activities that have become Chapter favorites and events that were started under his direction. We want to thank Steve for his many years of service and for his many suggestions over those years. We will undoubtedly call on Steve for his advice and counsel and will rely on him to assist whenever he has the time.

As mentioned in Steve's December report, 2014 was a year during which the Chapter hosted and conducted many events and activities. The Chapter calendar provided "regularly scheduled events," (those events which have been offered in previous years) plus some "new" activities that we tried for the first time. The calendar included such things as: two membership dinner meetings; the "Paid-Up Membership Luncheon" at the Sunshine Grill; the road tour and luncheon to Friendly Farm Restaurant; the visit to the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital to meet the in-patient children, make a check presentation, followed by lunch and a swim party at Steve and Eileen Lesser's house; and, a road tour with the Bel Air Corvette Club for a brunch in Oxford, Pennsylvania. For the first time the Chapter visited the Mecum Auction in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, plus road tours to Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania and also to the Simeone Automobile Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Needless to say, the Chapter was very busy!

The "2015 Chapter Calendar of Events" will be stocked with a number of events/activities. However, due to necessity, the management of the Social Activities Program has changed. We (John and Gus) will oversee the overall events/activities and 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 is the major change from how the program was operated. In the past, the Social Activities Chairman would handle the majority of the tasks of the entire event/activity. Because we have other responsibilities within the Chapter, the responsibility for each event/activity will now be that of the individual event/activity coordinator. **These are the "new" positions for which we need Chapter members to volunteer.** The tasks generally are not overly time consuming as it is only a single event/activity and the duration of these events is usually not more than one day. The event/activity coordinator will take reservations for the event/activity (if needed) and will respond to questions from other Chapter members about the event/activity. There are Chapter members who will be available to help you with any questions or logistics issues and also to help at the

event/activity itself. Remember, if nobody volunteers to serve as an event/activity coordinator for each individual event/activity in sufficient time to plan the event/activity, the event/activity will NOT be conducted.

Having said that, the “2105 Chapter calendar of Events” will be issued shortly after the March 18 Board of Directors’ Meeting. **The Chapter NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW so please volunteer to be an event/activity coordinator ASAP.** As an event/activity coordinator you probably will meet other Mason-Dixon Chapter members that you may not have previously known. So, it will 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 Board of Directors 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.

Think sunshine and warm weather and get ready to uncover you plastic fantastic Corvettes and take them for a spin.

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.

Prepping / Painting Midyear Engine by Keith Brodbeck

In this article, Dad and I demonstrate the process taken to strip and apply correct Chevrolet Orange paint to Dad's 1967 Corvette 427.

We stripped the old paint off the block using chemical paint stripper. We put on the stripper fairly heavily, let it soak in to loosen up the paint then used a scrapper to take off the old paint. In tough areas we reapplied the stripper and also used a wire-bristle brush to get the old paint off.

After the chemical stripper, we went back over the block again with brake cleaner. This will also remove any remaining old paint plus it “cleans” the block from any residue of the chemical stripper remaining. The brake cleaner is supposed to dry without leaving residue of itself so you can paint next but we went an extra step just to be safe and wiped the block down with a Pre-Paint cleaner called Acrli-Clean.

Here are three photos of the engine before painting. We applied Dupli Color self-etching primer to the valve covers and the oil pan after stripping the old paint off. This is available at the usual auto parts stores.



Now the block is stripped of the old paint and clean and ready for new paint. After priming the oil pan and valve covers we then applied two coats of paint. The first coat was very light coats to provide coverage on the block, then we followed up by with one more medium coat. We used the hi-temp engine enamel paint Dupli Color 1620, Chevrolet Orange and we're very happy with the outcome.

Here are two photos of the engine after painting.



So, for those of you who think it is impossible, just do it!

1986



Official 1986 GM Photo

The convertible returned to the Corvette line late in the 1986 model year. This was excellent news and fans of America's sports car were too enthused to wonder why it had been gone for ten years. Open air motoring carried a significant price increase however. The convertible was a \$5,000 premium over the coupe and at \$32,032 it cracked the \$30,000 price point by a significant amount. The Corvette had been getting pricey in recent years. Only two short model years earlier, the 1984 Corvette was \$21,800 and except for the '82 Collector Edition Hatchback, it was the first Corvette to cost more than \$20,000. With a huge jump in performance and technology via the C4 introduction, the Corvette maintained its lead as the premier performance car bargain. Customers were still plentiful and the sales volume continued at a healthy pace. Perhaps Chevrolet had been underpricing the 'vette all along?



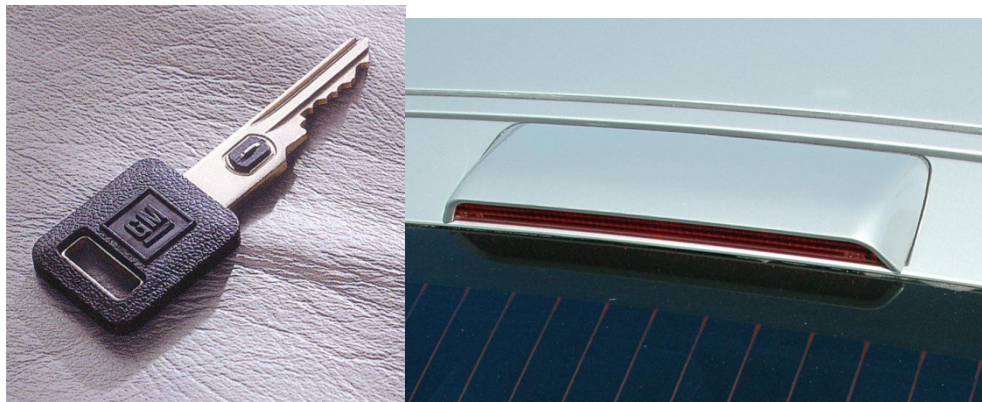
Official 1986 GM Photo

In 1986 Corvette was chosen to pace the Indianapolis 500 and all 1986 Corvette convertibles received pace car replica status. As with the first 1978 Indy 500 pace car replica, decals commemorating the event were shipped with each car, leaving the owners with the installation decision.

1986 saw the introduction of ABS (Anti-lock Brake System) on all Corvettes. Like the fuel injection system, it was Bosch sourced.

New redesigned aluminum cylinder heads (cracking) were produced and upped the horsepower from 230 to 235; appeared in all convertibles and the later coupes. Only the last 8,594 cars were believed to have the aluminum heads, this included all the pace car convertibles.

Corvettes have always been prime targets for car thieves, 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 1986 GM Photo

Center High Mounted Stop Lights (CHMSL) made their Corvette coupe debut just in front of the rear glass in 1986. As with many other car designs of the day, the government mandated brake lights were tacked on as an afterthought. The convertibles fared better with a less intrusive solution located in the rear bumper. In later years the designers were better able to integrate the requirements and the styling to a more satisfying solution.

The "Vehicle Identification Number" (also VIN or serial number) is stamped on a plate on the inner vertical surface of the left windshield pillar visible through the windshield.

| Position | Character | Description |
|----------|---------------|---|
| 1 | 1 | US built |
| 2 | G | General Motors Product |
| 3 | 1 | Chevrolet Motor Division Vehicle |
| 4 | Y | Type of restraint system |
| 5 | Y | Corvette |
| 6 & 7 | 07 | Body style number: two-door hatchback coupe |
| | 67 | Body style number: two-door convertible |
| 8 | 8 | 5.7-liter Tuned-Port-Injection Chevrolet or GM of Canada V8 |
| 9 | | A check digit that calculates the characters in the serial number and gives it a single digit code and can be used to verify that the serial number is legitimate |
| 10 | G | The model year G=1986 |
| 11 | 5 | Bowling Green, Kentucky |
| 12-17 | 100001 and up | Production Sequence for Coupes |
| | 900001 and up | Production Sequence for Convertibles |

Engine Serial Number

1986 Corvette engines have the last six digits of the VIN stamped on the block after the engine number. The date code the engine was manufactured was also cast into the block. The engine serial number includes a production sequence number starting with 0001001 and one of the suffixes below.

| Code | Engine | Horse power | Compression | Transmission | Fuel Supply | Extra features |
|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| DKF | L98 350-cid | 230-hp V-8 | 9.5:1 | Turbo-Hydramatic Automatic | Tuned Port Injection | Cast Iron Cylinder Heads & engine oil cooler |
| DKC | L98 350- | 230-hp | 9.5:1 | Manual | Tuned Port | Cast Iron Cylinder |

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|-----|-------------|------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | cid | V-8 | | | Injection | Heads |
| DKH | L98 350-cid | 230-hp V-8 | 9.5:1 | Turbo-Hydramatic Automatic | Tuned Port Injection | Cast Iron Cylinder Heads & engine oil cooler |
| DKB | L98 350-cid | 230-hp V-8 | 9.5:1 | Manual | Tuned Port Injection | Cast Iron Cylinder Heads & engine oil cooler |
| ZJS | L98 350-cid | 235-hp V-8 | 9.5:1 | Turbo-Hydramatic Automatic | Tuned Port Injection | Aluminum Cylinder Heads & engine oil cooler |
| ZJH | L98 350-cid | 235-hp V-8 | 9.5:1 | Turbo-Hydramatic Automatic | Tuned Port Injection | Aluminum Cylinder Heads |
| ZKD | L98 350-cid | 235-hp V-8 | 9.5:1 | Turbo-Hydramatic Automatic | Tuned Port Injection | Aluminum Cylinder Heads |
| ZJW | L98 350-cid | 235-hp V-8 | 9.5:1 | Manual | Tuned Port Injection | Aluminum Cylinder Heads & engine oil cooler |
| ZKA | L98 350-cid | 235-hp V-8 | 9.5:1 | Manual | Tuned Port Injection | Aluminum Cylinder Heads |

Mechanical Dimensions

| Feature | Coupe | Convertible |
|---------------------|---|-------------|
| Wheelbase | 96.2 inches (2.443 m) | |
| Overall Length | 176.5 inches (4.483 m) | |
| Overall Width | 71.0 inches (1.803 m) | |
| Overall Height | 46.4 inches (1.179 m) | |
| Front Tread | 59.6 inches (1.514 m) | |
| Rear Tread | 60.4 inches (1.534 m) | |
| Standard Wheel Size | 16 x 8.5 inches | |
| Standard Tires | P245/50VR-16 or P255/50VR-16 SBR | |
| Steering | Power Rack and Pinion | |
| Front Suspension | Single fiberglass composite monoleaf transverse spring with unequal-length aluminum control arms and stabilizer bar | |
| Rear Suspension | Fully independent five-link system with transverse fiberglass single-leaf springs, aluminum upper/lower trailing links and strut-rod tie-rod assembly | |
| Brakes | Four-wheel power disc | |

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Body Construction | Unibody with partial front frame |
| Fuel tank | 20 US Gal (16.7 Imp Gal) (76 liters) |

OPTIONS

| RPO | Description | Production | Price |
|--------|---|-----------------|---------|
| 24S | Removable Roof Panel, blue tint (coupe) | 12,021 (34.24%) | \$595 |
| 4001ZA | Malcolm Konner Special Edition (coupe) | 50 (0.14%) | \$500 |
| 64S | Removable Roof Panel, bronze tint (coupe) | 7,819 (22.27%) | \$595 |
| AG9 | Power Driver Seat | 33,983 (96.79%) | \$225 |
| AQ9 | Sports Seats, leather | 13,372 (38.09%) | \$1,025 |
| AR9 | Base Seats, leather | n/a | \$400 |
| AU3 | Power Door Locks | 34,215 (97.45%) | \$175 |
| B4P | Radiator Booster Fan | 8,216 (23.40%) | \$75 |
| B4Z | Custom Feature Package | 4,832 (13.76%) | \$195 |
| C2L | Dual Removable Roof Panels (coupe) | 6,242 (17.78%) | \$895 |
| C68 | Electronic Air Conditioning Control | 16,646 (47.41%) | \$150 |
| D84 | Two-Tone Paint (coupe) | 3,897 (11.10%) | \$428 |
| FG3 | Delco-Bilstein Shock Absorbers | 5,521 (15.73%) | \$189 |
| G92 | Performance Axle Ratio, 3.07:1 | 4,879 (13.90%) | \$22 |
| K34 | Cruise Control | 34,197 (97.40%) | \$185 |
| KC4 | Engine Oil Cooler | 7,394 (21.06%) | \$110 |
| MM4 | 4-Speed Manual Transmission | 6,835 (19.47%) | n/a |
| NN5 | California Emission Requirements | 5,697 (16.23%) | \$99 |
| UL5 | Radio Delete | 166 (0.47%) | n/a |
| UM6 | AM-FM Stereo Cassette | 2,039 (5.81%) | \$122 |
| UU8 | Stereo System, Delco-Bose | 32,478 (92.51%) | \$895 |
| V01 | Heavy-Duty Radiator | 10,423 (29.69%) | \$40 |
| Z51 | Performance Handling Package (coupe) | 12,821 (36.52%) | \$470 |
| Z6A | Rear Window + Side Mirror Defoggers (coupe) | 21,837 (62.20%) | \$165 |

Total Production: 35,109

Coupe: 27,794 (79.16%)

Convertible: 7,315 (20.84%)

Coupe Serial Numbers: 1G1YY07x9G5100001 to 1G1YY07x9G5127794

Convertible Serial Numbers: 1G1YY67x9G5900001 to 1G1YY67x9G5907315

Notes: Base Corvette Coupe with 350 cu. in. 235 hp engine and four speed automatic transmission: \$27,027.00.

Base Corvette Convertible with 350 cu. in. 235 hp engine and four speed automatic transmission: \$32,032.00.

Note the nice balance of the prices!

Colors

| Code | Exterior | Quantity | Interior | Soft Top |
|------|---------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------|
| 13 | Silver Metallic | 1,209 (3.44%) | Graphite / Medium Gray | Black / White |
| 13 / | Silver / Gray | 1,049 (2.99%) | Graphite / Medium Gray / Red | |
| 18 | Medium Gray Metallic | 1,603 (4.57%) | Graphite / Medium Gray / Red | Black / White |
| 18 / | Gray / Black | 1,138 (3.24%) | Graphite / Medium Gray | |
| 20 | Medium Blue Metallic | 128 (0.36%) | Blue / Graphite | Black / White |
| 35 | Yellow | 1,464 (4.17%) | Graphite | Black / White |
| 40 | White | 4,176 (11.89%) | Blue / Bronze / Graphite / Medium Gray / Red / Saddle | Black / Saddle / White |
| 40 / | White / Silver | 693 (1.97%) | Graphite / Medium Gray | |
| 41 | Black | 5,464 (15.56%) | Graphite / Medium Gray / Red / Saddle | Black / Saddle / White |
| 53 | Gold Metallic | 777 (2.21%) | Graphite / Saddle | Black / Saddle |
| 59 | Silver Beige Metallic | 1,383 (3.94%) | Bronze / Graphite | Black |
| 59 / | Silver Beige / Medium Bro | 1,014 (2.89%) | Bronze | |
| 66 | Copper Metallic | 4 (0.01%) | Graphite / Saddle | Black / Saddle |
| 69 | Medium Brown Metallic | 488 (1.39%) | Bronze / Saddle | Saddle |
| 74 | Dark Red Metallic | 5,002 (14.25%) | Graphite / Saddle | Black / Saddle / White |
| 81 | Bright Red | 9,466 (26.96%) | Graphite / Red / Saddle | Black / Saddle / White |
| Spec | Silver Beige / Black | 50 (0.14%) | Graphite | |

Komedy Korner

Church Bulletin Bloopers: Choirs and Hymns

The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.

Next Sunday, Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."

The "Over 60s Choir" will be disbanded for the summer with the thanks of the entire church.

The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.

The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which fell upon her.

22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, "The Lord Knows Why."

A song fest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

On Wednesday, the Ladies' Liturgy Group will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing, "Put Me in My Little Bed," accompanied by the Pastor.

We have received word of sudden passing of Rev. Smith this morning during the worship service. Now let's sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

A song listed in the Church Bulletin at the Nazarene Church in Little Rock, Arkansas; in connection with a sermon on God's mantle..."Let's God Mangle Fall on Me."

This evening at 7 pm there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Today's Sermon: "How Much Can a Man Drink?" With hymns from a full choir.

A Christian Puppy

A Baptist couple decide that they want to get a dog. As they are walking down the street in town, they notice that a sign in the pet shop is advertising "Christian Puppies." Their interest piqued, they go inside.

"How do you know they're Christian puppies?"

"Watch," says the owner, as he takes one of the dogs and says, "Fetch the Bible." The dog runs over to the desk, and grabs the Bible in its mouth and returns. Putting the Bible on the floor, the owner says, "Find Psalm 23." The dog flips pages with its paw until he reaches the right page, and then stops. Amazed and delighted, the couple purchase the dog and head home.

That evening, they invite some friends over and show them the dog, having him run through his Psalm 23 routine. Impressed, one of the visitors asks "Does he also know 'regular' commands?"

"Gee, we don't know. We didn't ask," replies the husband.

Turning to the dog, he says, "Sit." The dog sits. He says, "Lie down." The dog lies down. He says "Roll over." The dog rolls over.

He says "Heel." The dog runs over to him, jumps up on the sofa, puts both paws on the owner's forehead and bows his head.

"Oh look!" the wife exclaims. "He's PENTECOSTAL!"

Hanukkah Songs That Never Quite Caught On

- Oy to the World
- Schlepping through a Winter Wonderland
- Hava Negilah - The Megamix
- Bubbie Yetta Got Run Over by a Reindeer
- Enough with those Gosh Darn Jingle Bells Already...Sheez!
- Matzo Man (by the Lower East Side Village People)
- I Have a Little Dreidel (the Barking Dog Version)
- Come on Baby, Light My Menorah
- Deck the Halls with Balls of Matzos
- Silent Night? I Should Be So Lucky

Church Sign Chuckles

- Fire Insurance Inside
- This Church Is Prayer Conditioned

- God Answers Knee Mail
- PRAY NOW! Avoid Christmas Rush!
- Sign broken, come inside for message.
- This is a ch--ch. What's missing? U R!
- Stop in the name of love and meet the Supreme
- Wal-Mart's not the only savings place
- The best position is on your knees!

Top 10 Reasons to Celebrate Easter

10. You absolutely love the movie, "The Ten Commandments."
9. You look really, really good in yellow.
8. You just went on a low cholesterol diet and didn't want to waste all those eggs in the fridge.
7. You figure any Holiday that starts with a "Good Friday" can't be all bad.
6. You love to bite the heads off chocolate bunnies.
5. It's a good time to check out your neighborhood church and not be noticed.
4. You have this bunny suit you love to wear, but are too insecure to wear it without a reason.
3. Even though you don't know what it is, you really like the sound of going to a "Passion Play."
2. You figured since Jesus went to all THAT trouble to make it to the first Easter, you'd give it a shot.
1. As a Christian you celebrate the resurrection every other day, why not Easter too?

Why God Never Received Tenure at Any University

1. He only had one major publication.
2. It was in Hebrew.
3. It had no references.
4. It wasn't published in a referred journal.

5. Some even doubt He wrote it Himself.
6. It may be true that He created the world, but what has He done since then?
7. His cooperative efforts have been quite limited.
8. The scientific community has had a hard time replicating His results.
9. He never applied to the Ethics Board for permission to use human subjects.
10. When one experiment went awry, He tried to cover it up by drowning the subjects.
11. When subjects didn't behave as predicted, He deleted them from the sample.
12. He rarely came to class, just told students to read the book.
13. Some say He had His son teach the class.
14. He expelled His first two students for learning.
15. Although there were only ten requirements, most students failed His tests.
16. His office hours were infrequent and usually held on a mountaintop.

If College Students Wrote the Bible

The Ten Commandments would actually be only five, double-spaced and written in a large font.

Paul's letter to the Romans would become Paul's email to abuse@romans.gov.

Reason Cain killed Abel: They were roommates.

Reason Moses and followers walked in the desert for 40 years: They didn't want to ask directions and look like freshmen.

Instead of God creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh, He would have put it off until the night before it was due and then pulled an all-nighter.

How Many Christians Does It Take to Change a Light Bulb?

Charismatic: Only 1 - Hands are already in the air.

Pentecostal: 10 - One to change the bulb, and nine to pray against the spirit of darkness.

Presbyterians: None - Lights will go on and off at predestined times.

Roman Catholic: None - Candles only. (Of guaranteed origin of course.)

Baptists: At least 15 - One to change the light bulb, and three committees to approve the change and decide who brings the potato salad and fried chicken.

Episcopalians: 3 - One to call the electrician, one to mix the drinks, and one to talk about how much better the old one was.

Mormons: 5 - One man to change the bulb, and four wives to tell him how to do it.

Unitarians: We choose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the need for a light bulb. However, if in your own journey you have found that light bulbs work for you, you are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your light bulb for the next Sunday service, in which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, 3-way, long-life and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence.

Methodists: Undetermined - Whether your light is bright, dull, or completely out, you are loved. You can be a light bulb, turnip bulb, or tulip bulb. Bring a bulb of your choice to the Sunday lighting service and a covered dish to pass.

Nazarene: 6 - One woman to replace the bulb while five men review church lighting policy.

Lutherans: None - Lutherans don't believe in change.

Amish: What's a light bulb?