



MASON DIXON Blue and Gray

March 2018

~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 Fellow Mason Dixon Chapter Members!

Well here we are just days away from Spring and I am sure we are all roaring to go! We are coming off a fantastic year and I am sure 2018 is going to be even better.

We are off to a great start already. We have had a few judging events along with a judging school at Tony's Corvette in Gaithersburg. The cars that we have had, have done great and I thank the owners for bringing them out. Both cars that we have judged are new members which makes it even more exciting and encouraging.

I would like to congratulate Gerry Yursis on having his car put on display at the AACA museum in Hershey. As most of us know Gerry is a fantastic member who was awarded the Chapter member of the year last year. His unrestored 1968 L88 is on display. I encourage everyone who has never been to the museum to take a day trip and see all the historically significant cars that are there.

We have many events coming shortly which include our annual Spring dinner, paid up luncheon event, and many more. Please take a look at our Website for the complete schedule.

I want to give a personal thank you to our Board and all the members who volunteer their time (Your work is greatly appreciated).

I am wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy Spring and looking forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,
Gius Tsamouras Chapter Chairman
Mason Dixon Chapter, NCRS

Vice Chairman's Report

Jim Buckley

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

As I sit here composing my input for this current newsletter, a third "Nor' easter" is expected. What a "roller coaster" winter we have had. I am sure all of us cannot wait for Spring.

At our last Board of Directors meeting a lot of "new" and exciting Corvette events were discussed. We still need as much of our membership to participate in our judging and road touring venues as possible. The trip to the Atlantic City car show and auction was a delightful

"cabin fever" break, as well as the New Car Show at the Baltimore Convention center, from the cold and dismal days.

Get your Corvettes out as soon as possible to prevent any mechanical issues from developing. Please join us again this year for all the wonderful Corvette things that Steve Lesser has on hand for us. Hope to see all of you at our 2018 Chapter events.

Stay warm and be safe.

Vice Chairman, Jim

Treasurer's Report Ed Ranier

As of 3/9/18, our checking account balance is \$16,316.41. This includes the checks written at our Board meeting on 3/7/18 and the deposits made afterwards. Thanks, Ed

Recording Secretary's Report Eileen Lesser

Minutes of the Board Meeting at Jerry Blumenthal's Office Lutherville, Maryland January 24, 2018

Attendance:

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

Chairman's Report:

After a light dinner, Gus began the meeting at 7:05 p.m. He raised the idea of having sponsors for our website as well as advertising logos on our website. Gus will begin with real estate agents / companies to see if they are interested. We can also contact several car dealerships to see if there is any interest in advertising on our website.

In addition, the packet of materials will be sent out to John Kane now that our Board members have completed their portions of the NCRS request.

Member of the Year Award – This item has been tabled until the next Board meeting since we will be announcing the Member of the Year at the April Spring Dinner Meeting.

Vice-Chairman's Report:

Jim Buckley announced that our statistics are up-to-date and we have obtained another Chapter of the Year Award this year.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed gave an update on the Chapter Treasury which has \$15,818.43 in it.

Membership Report:

Glenn gave an update on the number of members in the Chapter (95 members).

Webmaster's Report:

In Jim's absence, Eileen asked the Board how many members actually look at the website, especially the calendar, the events, and the photographs. Actually, very few visit our website, so we will send out an e-mail to our members encouraging them to visit the website regularly.

Judging Chairman's Report:

Rick discussed the upcoming judging event at Ron Adams Chevrolet in Havre de Grace, MD on Sunday, April 8. In addition, Rick needs technical articles for the next "Blue and Gray" Newsletter as well as cars to be judged. If you any pictures that can be included as a tech article or would like to have your Corvette judged, contact Rick Aleshire at mdninja1@hotmail.com.

Secretary's Report:

Eileen Lesser read the "Good and Welfare" to the Board members.

Social Activities Chairman's Report:

Steve Lesser discussed the 2018 calendar and filled in the dates. The calendar is tentative at this point, but will be sent out to all our members once the dates are filled in.

Historian's Report:

Jerry discussed the various trips for our Chapter, one to New York for the International Auto Show as well as a trip to the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA to view Gerry Yursis' Corvette in the museum.

Good and Welfare:

- Our deepest condolences to Mike and Wende Levitas on the loss of Mike's mother.

The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m. The next Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Lesser

Recording Secretary

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Membership Chairman's Report **Glenn Gitschier**

As of 3/11/18, we have 93 paid members of the Chapter and 2 prospective members who just joined the NCRS. **Please remember to pay your National NCRS dues before your membership expires.**

It is very IMPORTANT that you notify the National and our Chapter if you change your email address. The National 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 your National NCRS membership is going to expire within one month. Contact me (410-688-7329) if you want to know when your National NCRS membership expires. You must be a current member of National NCRS to remain a member of Mason Dixon. Thanks, Glenn

Judging Chairman's Report **Rick Aleshire**

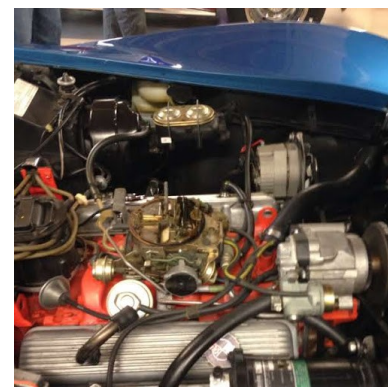
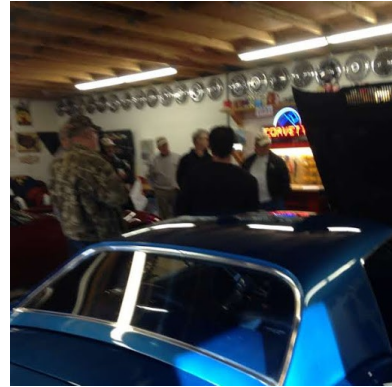
We held a practice Performance Verification (PV) at Tony's Corvette Shop on January 27 to help Gail and Bob Veitch ready their 1991 for the Greenville, SC Regional. The following are a few pictures Jim Buckley shot for all to view.

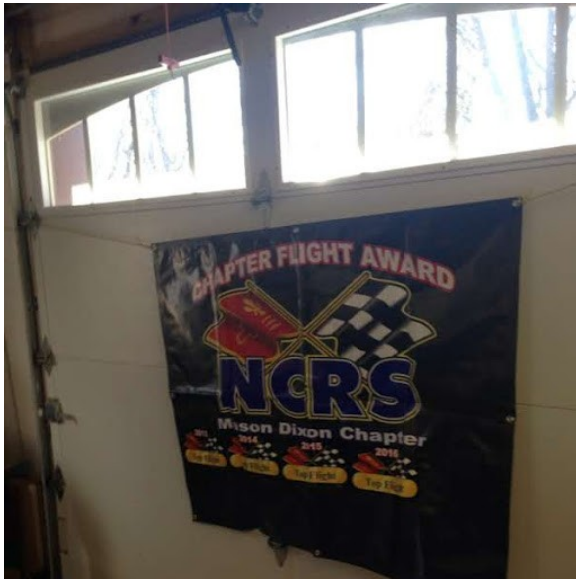


C2 headlight and seat back restoration. Jim Buckley also provided these pictures showing the parts that are used for the process.

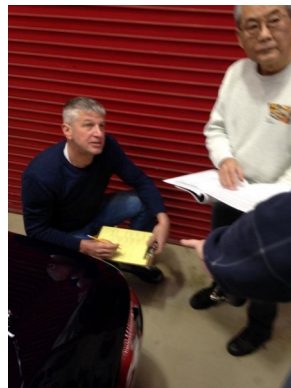


On February 17, 2018 around a dozen Mason Dixon members ventured to Gus Tsamouras garage to welcome new member Joe LaRicci and judge his 1975, which scored TOP FLIGHT! The following pictures were provided by Jim Buckley.





On February 25th around a dozen Mason Dixon members joined new member Mike Tulumello at Tony's Corvette Shop and judged his beautiful 1963 Daytona Blue Z06. The car was indeed a pleasure to judge and scored a TOP FLIGHT! In addition a beautiful 1955 heater / radio delete car was discussed in detail, to include pictures of how it was determined the car was indeed delivered without those two items. The following pictures of the judging and judging school by Tony Avedisian were provided by Jim Buckley.



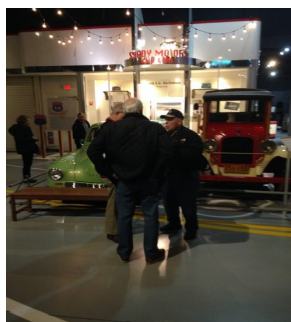
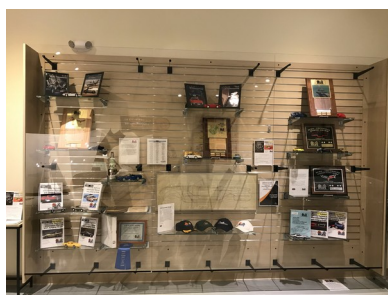


On Saturday, March 18th around 12 members of the Chapter ventured to Hershey, PA to visit the AACA museum, where Chapter member Gerry Yursis had the pleasure of having his rare 1968 L88 on display in the new Williams-Clyne Gateway NCRS Gallery exhibit.

The final phase of the NCRS Gallery display is now on view and focused on newer performance models – C3 (1968-1982), C4 (1984-1996) and C5 (1997-1999) Corvettes. These are the highest performance models offered, with the highest horsepower engines produced by Chevrolet during the model years represented.

The exhibit also includes period dealership advertising and sales materials. Exhibit cases highlight additional historical Corvette materials and information on the NCRS and its highly-regarded judging process. The following pictures are provided by Jim Buckley.





Mason Dixon @ Social Activities Report - Steve Lesser

2018 is shaping up to be a great year. The best way to have fun is with your Corvette. This year, we provided lots of ways for you to have fun. Be sure to come to the Spring Dinner Meeting and find out all the events and particulars for our summer outings. You never know what you'll come home with!

In May, we will have 2 great events. Mason Dixon was invited to the Preakness Balloon Festival at Howard County Fairgrounds. There will be 12-15 balloons, great photos with your Corvette and the balloon that you are next to. A great afternoon to bring someone special with you.

Also in May, we will have "Ask The Experts" in case your Corvette is not running up to par. We will figure it out for you and let you know what you have to do to get it running in tiptop shape.

We will always have our road tour and luncheon at Friendly Farms Restaurant in June. Everyone loves their crab cakes and fried chicken and the road tour. Check your calendar on the Mason Dixon website (www.ncrs.org/masondixon) to see all the other events we have scheduled.

Mark your calendars for July 7 for our annual check donation, road tour and swim party for the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital.

Join us every Saturday morning at the Hunt Valley Mall for "Coffee and Cars" from 8:00-10:00 A.M. You will meet Mason Dixon members, see unusual motor vehicles, not just Corvettes, and have breakfast and a good cup of coffee at Panera Bread or the Iron Rooster. Keep warm,
Steve

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

Replacing 1975 Headlamp Door Warning Switch

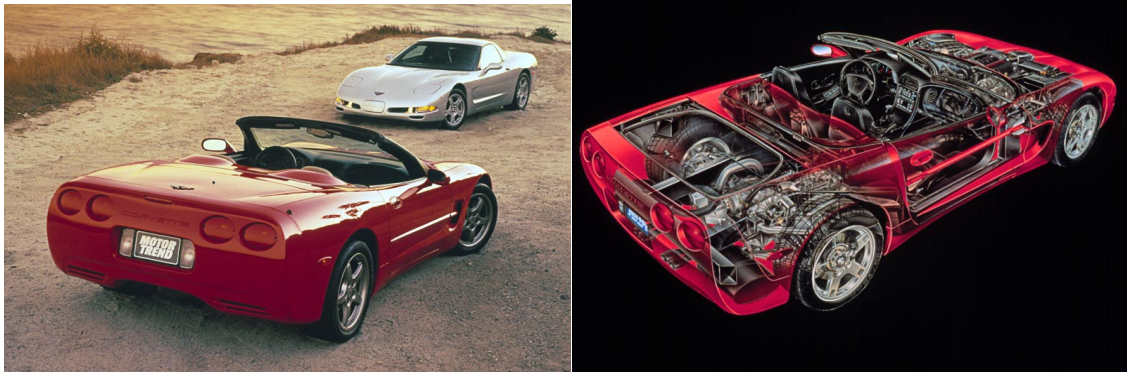
Joe LaRicci #64159 and Gus Tsamouras #47583

The headlight warning switch remained illuminated on the dash of Joes' 1975. After reading the manual and doing a little troubleshooting we determined that the headlight switches under the mechanisms were malfunctioning. Upon inspection we noticed that they were also cracked. We decided to replace both switches and position them correctly. The warning switch illumination on the dash went away and life is good in the headlamp world again. JOB WELL DONE!



1998

1998 Corvette C5 Convertible Debut



Official GM Photos

When Chevrolet introduced the C5 Corvette in 1997, it was under very difficult circumstances, all of which have been well documented. They did a lot, more in fact than any other Corvette generation. But they did not do everything and one element - a convertible - was missing. 1998 was the year that the C5 convertible made its appearance. The 1998 Corvette helped boost sales to the highest they had been in 12 years with the reintroduction of a convertible to the line. The cars were sleek, stylish, powerful, and comfortable. The soft top on the 1998 Corvette convertible remained manual but was easier to use than the C4's. The rear window went from plastic to glass for improved convenience and long-term visibility.

Something the world had not witnessed in 36 years - a conventional trunk on a new Corvette. It was last seen in 1962, the final year of the C1 but was now part of every convertible. The C3 and C4 convertibles had minimal storage accessed through the passenger compartment. The 1998 Corvette (both coupe and convertible) was the recipient of Motor Trend magazine's "Car of the Year" award.



The stylists went back to the Corvette roots (left, a 1958) with the "waterfall" interior in the new convertible (right). A more open effect was the result of extending the exterior into the interior, a common styling element of classic sports cars.



The Corvette was chosen as the pace car for the Indianapolis 500 for the fourth time*. 1,163 pace car replicas (RPO Z4Z; \$5,039.00) were sold and featured special trim. The paint scheme included graphics which could not possibly be described as subtle. The interior was black / yellow leather.

1998 Corvette Options, Prices

RPO	Description	Production	Price
AAB	Memory Package	24,234 (77.96%)	\$150.00
AG2	Power Passenger Seat	28,575 (91.93%)	\$305.00
AQ9	Sport Seats	22,675 (72.95%)	\$625.00
B34	Floor Mats	30,592 (98.42%)	\$25.00
B84	Body Side Moldings	17,070 (54.92%)	\$75.00
C2L	Dual Removable Roof Panels (coupe)	5,640 (18.14%)	\$950.00
CC3	Removable Roof Panel, blue tint (coupe)	6,957 (22.38%)	\$650.00
CJ2	Dual Zone Air Conditioning	26,572 (85.48%)	\$365.00
D42	Luggage Shade and Parcel Net (coupe)	16,549 (53.24%)	\$50.00
F45	Selective Real Time Damping, electronic	8,374 (26.94%)	\$1,695.00
G92	Performance Axle (3.15 ratio for automatic)	13,331 (42.89%)	\$100.00
JL4	Active Handling System	5,356 (17.23%)	\$500.00
MN6	6-Speed Manual Transmission	7,106 (22.86%)	\$815.00
N73	Magnesium Wheels	1,425 (4.58%)	\$3,000.00
NG1	Massachusetts / New York Emissions	2,701 (8.69%)	\$170.00
T96	Fog Lamps	29,310 (94.29%)	\$69.00
U1S	Remote Compact 12-Disc Changer	16,513 (53.12%)	\$600.00
UN0	Delco Stereo System with CD	18,213 (58.59%)	\$100.00
V49	Front License Plate Frame	16,087 (51.75%)	\$15.00
YF5	California Emissions	3,111 (10.01%)	\$170.00
Z4Z	Indy Pace Car Replica (\$5,804 with manual)	1,163 (3.74%)	\$5,039.00
Z51	Performance Handling Package	4,249 (13.67%)	\$350.00

Total Production: 31,084

Coupe: 19,235 (61.88%)

Convertible: 11,849 (38.12%)

Notes: Base Corvette Coupe with 346 cu. in. 345 hp engine and four speed automatic transmission: \$37,495.00.

Base Corvette Convertible with 346 cu. in. 345 hp engine and four speed automatic transmission: \$44,425.00.

Colors

Code	Exterior	Quantity	Interior	Soft Top
10	Arctic White	3,346 (10.76%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak / Red	Black / Light Oak / White
11	Light Pewter Metallic	3,276 (10.54%)	Black / Light Gray / Red	Black / White
13	Sebring Silver Metallic	4,637 (14.92%)	Black / Light Gray / Red	Black / White
21	Pace Car Purple	1,163 (3.74%)	Yellow	Black
23	Nassau Blue Metallic	1,098 (3.53%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak	Black / Light Oak / White
28	Navy Blue Metallic	14 (0.05%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak	Black / Light Oak / White
41	Black	6,597 (21.22%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak / Red	Black / Light Oak / White
53	Light Carmine Red Metalli	1,567 (5.04%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak / Red	Black / Light Oak / White
58	Aztec Gold	15 (0.05%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak	Black / Light Oak / White
70	Torch Red	8,767 (28.20%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak	Black / Light Oak / White
87	Fairway Green Metallic	223 (0.72%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak	Black / Light Oak / White
95	Medium Purple Pearl Metal	381 (1.23%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak	Black / Light Oak / White

Notes: Listed are recommended color combinations but any combination was possible except for code 21.

Vehicle Specifications	Hatchback	Convertible
Wheelbase, inches	104.5	104.5
Length, inches	179.7	179.7
Width, inches	73.6	73.6
Track, inches	front: 62.0 rear: 62.0	front: 62.0 rear: 62.0
Height, inches	47.7	47.7
Curb weight, pounds	3,245	3,246

Mechanical Specifications (2-door hatchback/convertible)

Suspension

front: Independent; upper and lower A-arms, transverse composite monoleaf spring, tube shock absorbers, antiroll bar

rear: Independent, upper and lower A-arms, toe links, transverse composite monoleaf springs, tube shock absorbers, antiroll bar

Wheels/Tires

front: P245/45ZR-17

rear: P275/40ZR-18

Brakes

front: anti-lock 12.8-inch disc

rear: anti-lock 12.0-inch disc

Transmission

4-speed automatic

6-speed manual

Standard axle ratio

2.73:1 (auto) 3.42:1 (manual)

Engine Specifications

Type	ohv V-8
Displacement, liters/cu inch	5.7/350
Bore × Stroke, inches	3.90 x 3.62
Fuel Management	Sequential Injection
Horsepower @ rpm	345 @ 5,600
Torque @ rpm, pound-foot	350 @ 4,400

Published Performance Numbers

Acceleration	345 hp, 4-speed automatic
0-60 mph, sec	5.1
0-100 mph, sec	12.5
1/4-mile, sec @ mph	13.5 @ 104.7

KOMEDY CORNER

Confucius Say

Confucius Say: "Man who drive like hell bound to get there."

Confucius Say: "Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement."

Confucius Say: "Women who put detergent on top shelf, jump for Joy!"

Confucius Say: "Never argue with fool...he may be doing the same thing."

Confucius Say: "Best time to buy new mattress, at first sign of spring."

Confucius Say: "Adults are just wrinkled kids who owe money."

Confucius Say: "An old grave digger is called an Elderberry."

Confucius Say: "People who have gift of gab, not know how to wrap it up."

Confucius Say: "Time flies like arrow. Fruit flies like bananas."

Confucius Say: "A man who sits on tack gets point and will surely rise."

Funny One-liners

1. Dyslexics of the world, untie!
2. God made mankind Sin made him evil
3. I don't find it hard to meet expenses They're everywhere
4. I just let my mind wander, and it didn't come back
5. Don't steal The government hates competition
6. Humpty Dumpty was pushed
7. National Atheist's Day April 1st
8. All generalizations are false
9. The more people I meet, the more I like my dog

10. Work is for people who don't know how to fish
11. If you don't like the news, go out and make some
12. For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism
13. IRS: We've got what it takes to take what you have got
14. I'm out of bed and dressed What more do you want?
15. I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not too sure
16. I can handle pain until it hurts
17. No matter where you go, you're there
18. If everything is coming your way, then you're in the wrong lane
19. It's been Monday all week

Police One-Liners

"Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch out after you wear them awhile."

"Take your hands off the car, or I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."

"If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

"Can you run faster than 1,200 feet per second? In case you didn't know, that is the average speed of a 9 mm bullet fired from my gun."

"So you don't know how fast you were going. I guess that means I can write anything I want on the ticket, huh?"

"Yes Sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh ... did I mention that I am the shift supervisor?"

"Warning! You want a warning? O.K., I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

"The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"

"Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy, and step in monkey poop."

"Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."

"In God we trust, all others we run through NCIC."

"No sir we don't have quotas anymore. We used to have quotas but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we want."

"I'm glad to hear the Chief of Police is a good personal friend of yours. At least you know someone who can post your bail."

"You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

Newsgroup Members Change A Lightbulb

How many newsgroup members does it take to change a light bulb?

1 to change the light bulb.

1 to post that the light bulb has been changed.

14 to share similar experiences of changing light bulbs and how the light bulb could have been changed differently.

7 to point out spelling/grammar errors in posts about changing light bulbs.

18 to flame the spell checkers.

2 industry professionals to inform the group that the proper term for "light bulb" is "lamp".

15 know-it-alls who claim they were in the industry and that "light bulb" is perfectly correct.

5 to email others that the light bulb posters are in violation of the list etiquette.

10 to post that this list is not about light bulbs and to please take this discussion to a light bulb list.

12 to demand that cross posting to the hardware list, off-topic list, and light bulb list about changing light bulbs be stopped.

17 to defend the posting to this list saying that we all use light bulbs and therefore the posts are relevant to this list.

25 to debate which method of changing light bulbs is superior, where to buy the best light bulbs,

what brand of light bulbs work best for this technique, which brands are faulty, and URLs where one can see examples of different light bulbs.

14 to post that the URLs were posted incorrectly and then post the corrected URLs.

33 to link all posts to date, quote them in their entirety including all headers and signatures, and add "Me too".

4 to suggest that posters request the light bulb FAQs.

13 to ask what is a "FAQ"?

19 to say "do a search on 'light bulbs' before posting questions about light bulbs".

27 to complain that "we've already discussed light bulbs."

42 to post "if you don't want to read it, skip it."

12 to post to the group that they will no longer post because they cannot handle the light bulb controversy.

1 new forum member to respond to the original post 6 months from now so it will start all over again.