



**MASON DIXON Blue and Gray
September 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!

I hope everyone has enjoyed there summer, i know i have. I just returned from Corvettes at Carlisle. The weather was fantastic and we had over 30 Chapter members that I know attended. Our space was well visited and seemed to be a hot spot for those of us selling items. Many Thanks to those members who helped set up and run our space.

The fairgrounds were full of energetic corvette enthusiasts. NCRS was also very well represented and also conducted a judging event for modified Vettes. More will be forthcoming from National as to how and when Mason Dixon will be able to offer more opportunities to grow the Chapter.

Our summer got off to a roaring start as we we went on our garage crawl. We had fantastic participation and went to lunch afterwards. I want to Thank everyone who opened there garages to us and participated.

Our annual charity event was once again a huge success! We visited the Mt Washington Pediatric Hospital and had a very nice visit with the children. It was very touching to bring a few smiles to children who have serious struggles with their health. Our event was once again followed with a luncheon at the Lessers' home around their fabulous pool.

I want to remind everyone to please take a look at our calendar of events as there is something for everyone to enjoy. Our next event is our paid up members' luncheon event on September 15th at Casa Mias in Parkton. i hope to see many of you there.

Sincerely,
Gus Tsamouras, Chapter Chairman
Mason Dixon Chapter, NCRS

Vice Chairman's Report
Jim Buckley

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

Well, we had a lot of record setting rain this past summer. But that did not stop many Chapter members from getting their Corvettes out for some cruising fun.

The check presentation to the Mount Washington Children's Hospital was outstanding to say the least. Fall is upon us and we have some "new" and exciting places to drive our cars, many thanks to Steve and Eileen Lesser. Also our Fall Dinner Meeting is just around the corner, and we all would like to see everybody attend this event too.

Be there or be square.....Vice Chairman, Jim

Treasurer's Report
Ed Ranier

The balance on the account, per the last bank statement for 8/1/18 - 8/30/18, was \$14, 181.71. The current, adjusted balance, as of 8/30/18, is \$14, 181.71, according to the checkbook. Thanks, Ed

Recording Secretary's Report

Eileen Lesser

Minutes of the Board Meeting at Jerry Blumenthal's office Lutherville, Maryland August 8, 2018

Attendance:

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

Chairman's Report:

After a light dinner, Gus began the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Gus discussed the idea of changing our logo by removing the cannon and adding the Corvette silhouette to go on our new apparel (keep watching the website for updates); he also discussed selling ads on our website to members and retail shops as well as a "For Sale" section on our website. Just a reminder that our elections are in April 2019.

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. However, we need four more tech articles for 2018 in the next two newsletters.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed gave an update on the Chapter Treasury which has \$15,009.33 in it.

Membership Report:

Glenn gave an update on the number of members in the Chapter (97 members). We have 3 new members, Greg and Dolores Connelly from Essex, Joe and Jeanne Kidd from Fallston, and Ira Katz from Owings Mills.

Webmaster's Report:

Jim Cella discussed the website and explained about the NCRS website. In order to get onto our website, type in <https://www.ncrs.org>. There will be a new "For Sale" section on our upcoming website.

Judging Chairman's Report:

Rick needs four more technical articles for the next two "Blue and Gray" Newsletters as well as cars to be judged for the Spring meet in 2019. If you would like to have your Corvette judged, contact Rick Aleshire at mdninja1@hotmail.com. Also, please ensure you are signed up to receive YahooGroup messages as that is how Rick communicates judging information. If you are in the process of restoring a Corvette, or just doing ANYTHING to your Corvette, please take pictures and send them to Rick Aleshire so that he can use them for tech articles in the "Blue and Gray."

Secretary's Report:

Eileen Lesser read the "Good and Welfare" to the Board members and introduced our new members to the group. Our two new members are Greg and Dolores Connelly from Essex and Joe and Jeannie Kidd from Fallston.

Social Activities Chairman's Report:

Steve Lesser discussed the 2018 calendar and the upcoming events: the upcoming Corvettes at Carlisle at Booth I29 and I30; Paid-Up Membership Luncheon at Casa Mia Restaurant; Pre-Judging on Sept. 30 in Essex, and the Fall Dinner Meeting on November 10, 2018 at Liberatore's Ristorante in Timonium.

Historian's Report:

Jerry will be bringing photographs from previous Mason-Dixon events for the members to see.

Good and Welfare:

- Congratulations to Dawn Prediger who recently retired from McCormick;
- Congratulations to Fred Prediger who will be celebrating his 70th birthday;
- Congratulations to Mike Levitas who recently celebrated his 60th birthday;
- Our deepest sympathies to Dennis and Donna Miedusiewski on the recent loss of Donna's mother, Shirley Knode;
- Congratulations to Gerry Yursis who brought home a Bloomington Gold award on his L88;
- Congratulations to Mike Levitas who won GT3 class in Mid-Ohio;
- Our deepest sympathies to Jack and Katie Dott on the recent loss of Jack's brother, Eric Dott, Jr.;
- Our deepest sympathies to our member, Helena Jones, on the loss of her husband, Bob Jones;
- Congratulations to Gus Tsamouras who brought home First Prize at the AACA National on his 1970 Stingray;
- Steve Lesser took the Top Award on his '62 Corvette at the Mitchell Car Show in Westminster.

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m. The next general membership meeting will take place on Saturday, November 10 at Liberatore's Ristorante.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Lesser
Recording Secretary

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Membership Chairman's Report
Glenn Gitschier

As of 8-21-18, we have 97 members in our Chapter. Our latest members to join are Dolores and Greg Connelly, Jeanne and Joe Kidd, and Ira S. Katz who all joined during the month of August 2018. Welcome !!

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

On Saturday, June 9 at Tony's Corvette Shop in Gaithersburg, MD we judged a beautiful 1955 owned by new member James Davis. James' 1955 scored a 99.4% and earned TOP FLIGHT! The following are pictures of the judging school / tech session, as well as the actual judging that took place. The pictures are provided courtesy of Jim Buckley.



The judging school / tech session presented by Tony Avedisian generated a lot of questions since many members own newer Corvettes, such as C5, C6, C7. Tony showed a head from a C6 Z06 that had significant valve guide wear and the heads were replaced with less than 10,000 miles! Additionally, Tony presented a checklist of items that folks should consider checking when thinking about purchasing a used C5 or C6.

1. Steering column lock - only 2005
2. Sway bars rusting making noise over bumps - 1997 - 2013 - all cars
3. Clutch master cylinder fluid - all cars / years
4. Valve guide wear - Z06 2006-13
5. Ricker arms needle bearing issues - 1997 - 2013 - all cars
6. Rear differential side yoke seal leaks - all cars / years
7. Automatic transmission losing 3rd gear - all cars / years
8. Ground connections rusting - all cars / years
9. Front fender bowing lifting issue - all cars / years
10. Starter harness getting hot - all cars / years
11. Spark plug wires heat soaked - all cars / years
12. Radiator cradle damage from curbs - all cars / years
13. AC condensor stopped up - all cars / years
14. AC compressor leaking from case - all cars / years
15. Check all fluids - all cars / years
16. HArmonic balancer wobbling / squeaking sound - all cars / years
17. Catch can oil in intake - all cars / years
18. Battery life after 28 days - all cars / years
19. Fuse box issues - all cars / years
20. Z06 spoiler pulling away from the bumper - all cars / years
21. Lowered cars check adjustment screws being stripped - all cars / years
22. Half-shaft spline breaking - 1997 - 2013 - all cars
23. AC belt tensioner rusting bearings - 1997 - 2013 - all cars
24. Hub bearings (racing / pot holes) - all cars / years
25. Choosing correct cam / headers / converter / x-pipe / cold air intake / software

Mason Dixon @ Social Activities Report

- Steve Lesser

We are coming into the best part of the year for driving our Corvettes. The weather is not too hot or too cold or too humid. The fall scenery is beautiful to look at while you are cruising in your 'Vettes. We still have some activities for 2018 that should be great fun for taking out the Corvettes.

(1) Corvettes at Carlisle is the largest event for Corvettes on the East Coast. "Be there or be square!" (that should take you back to the 60's).

(2) The Paid-Up Membership Luncheon is Sept. 15 at Casa Mia Restaurant. It's a great ride going out to Parkton taking the back roads.

(3) The Fall Dinner Meeting is Nov. 10 at Liberatore's Ristorante in Timonium. Great food with great friends! This is our last meeting of the year. Be sure to attend.

If you have an idea a fun event, let me know – eileen3304steve@verizon.net.

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 webmaster, I would like to get any comments, suggestions, etc. on the layout of the website. Again, this is your Chapter website and I will work to provide the information you need / want, but need to know. Thanks, Jim

News from National

Attached please find the minutes of the national NCRS board meeting held at the 2018 national convention last month.

I want to take this opportunity to let you know that the election for Region III national board member is scheduled for this fall. It is truly unbelievable to me that my 3-year term is already ending. It seems that the last election was only a few weeks ago, but it was indeed three years ago. The years seems to fly by faster for me as I get older.

I want you all to know that I have truly enjoyed my time as Region III board member. I was able to meet many new people and make many new friends. Unfortunately I find myself unable to seek another term of office due to important family health issues. I want you all to know that it has been a distinct pleasure for me to work with each and every one of you over the last 3 years. I will still be around but I will just be a little less active. Thank you for all your great support over the last last three years, Note that I will certainly be serving as the region 3 representative until the end of this year in order to fulfill my three year term. Thereafter, a newly elected Regional representative will be representing you and I hope that you will support that person as much as you have supported me.

John J Kane - NCRS #3881

NCRS Region III Representative

B Pillar Weatherstrip Replacement on a 1996 Corvette Collector Edition Coupe (C4)

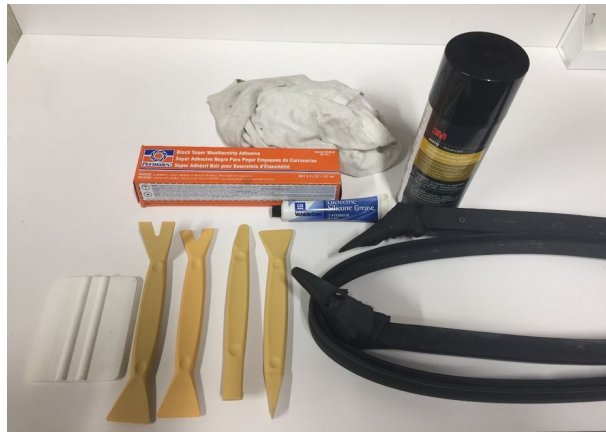
Mel Lorden - #54728

On C4 coupes the original GM rear roof panel weatherstrip does an extremely good job of sealing, but unfortunately lacks great durability. GM weatherstrip (P/N A2906-1) is still available though it's very expensive.

As an alternative, I have found either Eckler's or Wilcox offers the best reproduction rear roof panel weatherstrip and it is far less costly. Besides doing an outstanding job of sealing, like the original, the weatherstrip is made from a modern, long-lasting synthetic rubber called ethylene propylene diene monomer or EPDM giving it great durability. The EPDM has a smooth urethane coating, which prevents water absorption and gives it a non-stick surface so the windows operate smoothly and the roof panel won't stick to the weatherstrip tearing it apart. Produced to GM factory specifications, this weatherstrip is as soft as the original.

Things you will need to get started:

- * Weatherstrip, Ecklers part number 120837. This part is the same for ALL C4s from years 1984-96.
- * One can of 3M Adhesive Remover (12 oz can) item number 03618
- * 4-Piece weatherstrip kit, Harbor Freight
- * Peratex Black Super Weatherstrip adhesive, tube # 81850
- * GM Dielectric Silicone Grease, tube # 12345579
- * A couple clean rags and a small terry cloth towel



- Remove the Targa Top from the car and place away from work area.
- Gently remove the plastic retainer pins from each side of the weatherstrip. They are located at the bottom of the strip. Inspect the pins once removed as they may be used again if not worn or rotted.



- Gently remove the old weatherstrip from the channel. Be careful NOT to use a screwdriver or putty knife as you will scratch the channel or remove the matte channel finish. If your C4 has the “original” weatherstrip, it may break apart when removing. Mine was replaced about 9 years ago and came off easier than the original.
- Take the 3M Adhesive Remover and spray about a 4 or 5 inch section of the channel where you just removed the weatherstrip. Don’t over do the spray as it will run down the side pillars if you spray too much.
- Take a clean rag and gently rub where you have sprayed the adhesive remover. You will need to repeat this step several times to thoroughly remove the old weatherstrip and clean out the channel. The channel should NOT have any remnants or pieces after cleaning.



- Once all the adhesive is removed, place the new weatherstrip in the SIDE channels ONLY. DO NOT GLUE weatherstrip at this time.



- You want to make sure you position the new weatherstrip flush to the B Pillar support and place in both side channels to ensure one side is not longer than the other and there are no gaps. The weatherstrip has a notch at both ends so you can align the bottom to the frame.



- Once you have both sides in place and there are no gaps and the strip is not stretched out, you can begin to place adhesive. Gently remove one side at a time and place adhesive directly on the weatherstrip. The bottom of the weatherstrip is the only places you will apply adhesive directly to the strip. All other places you will apply adhesive into the strip channel.



- Once you attach the bottom of the strip to the pillar using the retainer pin you removed in step two, apply a thin bead of adhesive in the channel. Don't get too far ahead of yourself as you don't want the adhesive to get dry or set up.
- Gently insert the weatherstrip into the channel, front first, and using your weatherstrip tools seat the strip into the channel



- Once you complete the installation, place a small piece of masking tape to each end of the weatherstrip to ensure it bonds to the side pillar.



- Close doors and let sit overnight to cure adhesive.
- The next day, remove the masking tape and remove any adhesive from the pillar or weathstrip.
- Take a small dap of Dielectric Grease and rub onto new weatherstrip. Do half at a time. Let it sit for approximately 20 minutes and wipe off with terry cloth towel. You will get matte luster that looks great.
- Re-install Targa Top.
- Check that windows move freely and that everything lines up.
- A JOB WELL DONE!!!!!!

Media Blasting / Prepping 1970 Corvette for Primer / Paint

James Buckley - NCRS #55336

The following article / pictures provide some insight into the steps needed to be taken to media blast / hand sand a 1970 Corvette Stingray and pictures showing the extent of the media blasting / hand sanding required to prep the car for primer and then the painting process.



There's nothing like a nice, clean slate. In fact, it's the thing car-guy (and -gal) dreams are made of-no layers of old paint, no hidden surprises, and instant access for bodywork. When it comes to stripping our Corvettes down to the bare basics, there are three options: chemical strippers, by hand with sandpaper and other tools, and media blasting. Manually, you can use sandpaper either mounted on a dual-action sander and "jitterbugs," sanding blocks and contoured sanding pads, razor blades, or our personal favorite method, a wet sponge and baking soda.

You will need multiple grades of sandpaper to remove the paint and leave a smooth surface in the fiberglass. Start with 120 grit sandpaper and sand in a back and forth or circular motion to begin removing the paint. Switch to a finer grade sandpaper like 80 grit once you have removed the majority of the paint and re-sand the area.

- Don't worry about making the fiberglass completely smooth; a slightly abrasive surface will help the new paint stick.
- Be careful not to sand beyond the paint and through the fiberglass.
- If you choose to use a power sander, be careful not to sand too deep through the paint with either grit of paper.



2000



Official GM Photo - 2000 Hardtop, Convertible, Coupe

Chevrolet had three straight years of incredible new Corvette products, but the product planners took a well-deserved break in 2000.



Although changes from the previous model year were limited, the 2000 Corvette still boasted increased sales. The minor modifications that were made for 2000 included engineering improvements to the transmission shifter, windshield seals, and comfort features such as dual-zone climate control. Polished aluminum wheels (RPO QF5; \$895.00) were available.

The Performance Handling Package (RPO Z51; \$350.00) was revised with increased diameter front and rear anti-

roll bars and revised shock absorbers. The Passive Keyless Entry system was replaced by a Active Keyless Entry system.

Vehicle Specifications	Hatchback	Convertible	Coupe
Wheelbase, inches	104.5	104.5	104.5
Length, inches	179.7	179.7	179.7
Width, inches	73.6	73.6	73.6
Track, inches	front: 62.1 rear: 62.2	front: 62.1 rear: 62.2	front: 62.1 rear: 62.2
Height, inches	47.8	47.7	47.9
Curb weight, pounds	3,246	3,248	3,173

2000 Corvette Options, Prices

RPO	Description	Production	Price
79U	Millennium Yellow (coupe and convertible)	3,578 (10.62%)	\$500.00
86U	Magnetic Red Metallic Paint (coupe and convertible)	2,941 (8.73%)	\$500.00
AAB	Memory Package (coupe and convertible)	26,595 (78.96%)	\$150.00
AG1	Power Driver Seat (hardtop)	1,841 (5.47%)	\$305.00
AG2	Power Passenger Seat (coupe and convertible)	29,462 (87.47%)	\$305.00
AP9	Parcel Net (hardtop)	938 (2.78%)	\$15.00
AQ9	Sports Seats (coupe and convertible)	27,103 (80.47%)	\$700.00
B34	Floor Mats	33,188 (98.53%)	\$25.00
B84	Body Side Moldings	18,773 (55.74%)	\$75.00
C2L	Dual Removable Roof Panels (coupe)	6,280 (18.64%)	\$1,100.00
CC3	Removable Roof Panel, blue tint (coupe)	5,605 (16.64%)	\$650.00
CJ2	Dual Zone Air Conditioning	29,428 (87.37%)	\$365.00
D42	Luggage Shade and Parcel Net (coupe)	15,689 (46.58%)	\$50.00
F45	Selective Real Time Damping (coupe and convertible)	6,724 (19.96%)	\$1,695.00
G92	Performance Axle (3.15 ratio for automatic)	14,090 (41.83%)	\$100.00
JL4	Active Handling System	22,668 (67.30%)	\$500.00
MN6	6-Speed Manual Transmission (coupe and convertible)	13,320 (39.55%)	\$815.00
N37	Telescopic Steering, Power (coupe and convertible)	22,182 (65.86%)	\$350.00
N73	Magnesium Wheels	2,652 (7.87%)	\$2,000.00
QF5	Polished Aluminum Wheels	15,204 (45.14%)	\$895.00
T82	Twilight Sentinel (coupe and convertible)	23,508 (69.79%)	\$60.00
T96	Fog Lamps	31,992 (94.98%)	\$69.00
TR9	Lighting Package (hardtop only)	1,527 (4.53%)	\$95.00
U1S	Remote Compact 12-Disc Changer	15,809 (46.94%)	\$600.00
UN0	Delco Stereo System with CD	24,696 (73.32%)	\$100.00
UV6	Head Up Instrument Display	26,482 (78.62%)	\$375.00
UZ6	Bose Speaker Package (hardtop)	1,766 (5.24%)	\$820.00
V49	Front License Plate Frame	17,380 (51.60%)	\$15.00
YF5	California Emissions	3,628 (10.77%)	n/a
Z51	Performance Handling; Hardtop included RPO Z51	7,775 (23.08%)	\$350.00

Total Production: 33,682

Coupe: 18,113 (53.78%)

Convertible: 13,479 (40.02%)

Hardtop: 2,090 (6.21%)

Notes: Base Corvette Coupe with 346 cu. in. 345 hp engine and four speed automatic transmission: \$39,475.00.

Base Corvette Convertible with 346 cu. in. 345 hp engine and four speed automatic transmission: \$45,900.00.

Base Corvette Hardtop with 346 cu. in. 345 hp engine and six speed manual transmission: \$38,900.00.

Colors				
Code	Exterior	Quantity	Interior	Soft Top
10	Arctic White	1,979 (5.88%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak / Red	Black / Light Oak / White
11	Light Pewter Metallic	5,125 (15.22%)	Black / Light Gray / Red	Black / White
13	Sebring Silver Metallic	2,783 (8.26%)	Black / Light Gray / Red	Black / White
23	Nassau Blue Metallic	851 (2.53%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak	Black / Light Oak / White
28	Navy Blue Metallic	2,254 (6.69%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak	Black / Light Oak / White
41	Black	5,807 (17.24%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak	Black / Light Oak / White
70	Torch Red	6,700 (19.89%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak / Red	Black / Light Oak / White
79	Millenium Yellow	3,578 (10.62%)	Black	Black / White
86	Magnetic Red Metallic	2,941 (8.73%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak	Black / Light Oak / White
91	Dark Bowling Green Metall	1,663 (4.94%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak	Black / Light Oak / White

Notes: Listed are recommended color combinations but any combination was possible. All colors were available with the hardtop except codes 79, 91, 28, 13 and 86. The Hardtop was limited to a black interior.

KOMEDY CORNER

Some Christian camping humor

My friend is a rather old-fashioned lady, quite elegant and delicate, especially in her choice of language. She and her husband were planning a week-long camping trip, so she wrote to the campground for reservations. She didn't quite know how to ask about toilet facilities. She didn't want to write toilet in her letter. After much deliberation, she thought of the old-fashioned term "Bathroom Commode." But when she wrote it down, she thought she was being too forward, so she rewrote the entire letter and referred to the bathroom commode as the B.C. "Does your campground have its own B.C.?" she asked in her letter. Well the campground owner wasn't old-fashioned at all, and when he got this letter, he couldn't figure out what she was talking about. The "B.C." business had stumped him. After giving it much thought, the owner decided that she must be asking about the location for the local Baptist Church, so he wrote the following reply:

Dear Madam: I regret very much the delay in answering your letter but I now take the pleasure of informing you that the B.C. is located six miles north of the campground. It is capable of seating 250 people at one time. I will admit that it is quite a distance away if you are in the habit of going regularly. No doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along and make a day of it. The last time my wife and I went was six months ago and it was so crowded that we had to stand up the whole time. Right now, there is a supper planned to raise money for more seats. It will be held in the basement of the B.C. I would like to say that it pains me that I am not able to go more regularly, but it is not for lack of desire on my part. As we grow older, it seems to be more of an effort, especially in cold weather. If you decide to come to our campground, perhaps I could go with you the first time that you go, sit with you, and introduce you to all the other folks. Remember, that this is a very friendly community. The Campground Owner

UNDERSTANDING DIRECTIONS

Sometimes Seniors don't Understand Directions. I assume some of us are Seniors. This is why you (a Senior?) should listen to your Doctors' instructions. I went to my nearby CVS Pharmacy, straight to the back, where the Pharmacists' high counter is located.

I took out my little brown bottle, along with a teaspoon, and set them up on the counter. The Pharmacist came over, smiled, and asked if he could help me.

I
said, "Yes! Could you please taste this for me?"

Seeing a senior citizen, the Pharmacist went along. He took the spoon, put a tiny bit of the liquid on it, put it on his tongue and swilled it around. Then, with a stomach-churning look on his face, he spat it out on the floor and began coughing.

When he finally was finished, I looked him right in the eye and asked, "now, does that taste sweet to you?"

The Pharmacist, shaking his head back and forth with a venomous look in his eyes yelled, "HELL NO!!!"

I said, "Oh, thank God! That's a real relief! My doctor told me to have a Pharmacist test my urine for sugar!"

I can never go back to that CVS, but I really don't care, because they aren't very friendly there anymore!

Heaven and Immigration



So You Think You Know Everything

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.

A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years. **They are not the only ones (given the chance)!**

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."

There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewables Vitamins.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

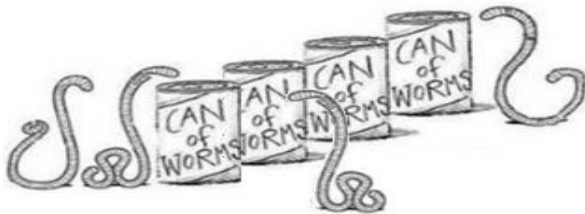
Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself.

"4 worms in Church"

Four worms and a lesson to be learned!!



A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Fou worms were placed into four separate jars.

- The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.
- The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.
- The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.
- The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol . . .Dead.



The second worm in cigarette smoke . .Dead!



Third worm in chocolate syrup . . . Dead!.



Fourth worm in good clean soil . . **Alive?!**

The Minister asked the congregation,"So, my friends? What did you learn from this demonstration?"



Maxine, sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said . . .

"As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

That pretty much ended the service!

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.