



**MASON DIXON Blue and Gray**  
**June 2019**

- ~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'm sure all of you have thawed out by now and have fueled up your cars for summer.

We are coming off a fantastic Spring. Our judging event was one of the most successful that we had in recent years. We had nine cars that were fantastic. There was plenty of chapter participation on the judging end and seven chapter cars that were entered. As usual, Rick Aleshire did a fantastic job of coordinating even though he was recovering from foot surgery. I would like to give a special Thanks to Ron Adams for the use of his dealership.

For those of you who missed our Spring dinner, you sure did miss a great one! The prizes were just incredible! Yours truly won a 40 inch television which my daughter is currently enjoying. A very special Thanks to Steve and Eileen for all their efforts. I also want to Thank all the board members and spouses who helped make it a success.

We have a fun-filled calendar of events that I urge all of you to try and take part in. We have garage crawls, luncheons, tech sessions and something for everyone.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events. And, please remember to honor our military and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us during this very special week.

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

**Vice Chairman's Report**  
**Jim Buckley**

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

It looks as if we are going to have another "warm" Summer season. What a perfect time to bring our Corvettes out to drive.

Once again, I am asking for more input and suggestions for activities that would be of interest to you and other Chapter members. If you suggest something that would appeal to you, you will be getting more out of the Chapter.

The Mt. Washington check presentation is coming up July 13th - come on out and participate. There will be a great lunch afterwards. The annual road tour to Friendly Farms will be June 22nd. Also, August 22nd-25th is Corvette's at Carlisle. We will be having a tent there for Chapter Members to enjoy. Please stop in and say "hello". September 14th is the paid-up member picnic lunch at Casa Mia. There are lots of things to do with other Chapter Members. Please take time to enjoy our Corvettes with other like-minded Chapter members. Pick one, pick two, or even better participate in all of our events. Keep an eye on our calendar displayed on our website. Come on, give us a chance to help you enjoy even more Corvette activities. Time is moving right along and before you know it cooler weather will be upon us.

Hope to see more Chapter Member's at our gatherings. Be safe and see you soon....Vice Chairman, Jim

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Ed Ranier**

The current, adjusted balance, as of 5/28/19, was \$16,142.48 according to the checkbook. Thanks, Ed

**Recording Secretary's Report**  
**Eileen Lesser**

**Minutes of the Annual Spring Dinner Meeting**  
**Liberatore's Ristorante**  
**Timonium, Maryland**  
**Saturday, April 13, 2019**

**Attendance:** There were approximately 54 members present at the Annual Spring Dinner Meeting.

**Chairman's Report:** After a delicious dinner, Gus Tsamouras began the meeting by announcing the Election of Officers:

- Chairman – Gus Tsamouras
- Vice-Chairman – Jim Buckley
- Recording Secretary – Eileen Lesser
- Treasurer – Ed Ranier

- Gus announced the Member of the Year Award – Bruce Solomon;
- Each member received the 2019 Calendar of Events;
- And, Gus discussed the recent hacking of our checking account and the final outcome.

**Vice-Chairman's Report:** Jim Buckley announced that our statistics are up-to-date.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed Ranier gave an update on the Chapter Treasury which has \$15,603.72 in it.

**Membership Report:** Glenn Gitschier gave an update on the number of members in the Chapter (96). All members have paid their 2019 dues.

**Webmaster's Report:** Jim Cella mentioned that "For Sale" items are limited to 30 days on the website. Apparel will also be on our website in the near future.

**Judging Chairman's Report:** Rick announced the Judging Event at Ron Adams Chevrolet was a huge success. Nine Corvettes were judged on Sunday, and seven were member cars. The following are the results:

- Greg Connelly '57 – Second Flight,
- Howard Fisher and Bruce Solomon '64 – Top Flight,
- Bob Gavigan '67 – Top Flight,
- Mike Eagan '69 – Top Flight,
- Charlie Elek '69 – Second Flight and '90 – Top Flight,
- Dan Materazzi '91 – Top Flight.

**Secretary's Report:** Eileen Lesser read the "Good and Welfare" to the Chapter and introduced new members to the group.

**Social Activities Chairman's Report:** The 2019 Calendar of Events was distributed this evening. All events are tentative until we finalize the dates, times, locations, etc. Most of the events will be preceded by a flyer sent to our members by e-mail. A tentative calendar is attached to these minutes.

**Good and Welfare:**

- Congratulations to Mike and Lynn Streckfus on the birth of their newest granddaughter, Gemma Kathryn; and their newest grandson, Landon Michael;
- Congratulations to Howard and Beckie Fisher on the marriage of their son, Ryan, and the engagement of their daughter, Lexi;
- The Board of Directors wishes Rick Aleshire a speedy recovery since his recent accident and surgeries;
- Get well wishes to Marlene Solomon after her recent knee surgery;
- Get well wishes to Mary Elek after her recent liver transplant surgery;
- Our deepest sympathies to Terri and Mel Lorden on the loss of Terri's sister, Pam Feldstein Smith;
- Congratulations to our members whose Corvettes were judged last week and were awarded Top Flight and Second Flight Awards;
- Welcome to new members Dennis Metzger, Steve & Karolyn Bertling, Bob & Phyllis Gavigan, K.C. & Sue Strawmyre, and Walter & Rosanna King.

**Thank you**

- Andy Anders for singing "Corvette Sally" after the dinner;
- Rosemary Ranier and Dawn Prediger for handling the 50/50 raffle;
- Lynn Mattingly Streckfus for handling the sign-in-sheet;
- Rona Blumenthal for handling the dinner money;
- Ed Ranier and Jerry Blumenthal for handling the two raffles;
- Mike Streckfus for donating the Corvette books;
- Howard Fisher for constructing the door prizes;
- Bruce Solomon and Jerry Blumenthal for bringing the door prizes to the restaurant;
- Glenn Gitschier for donating the rotating Corvette lamp;
- BreakThru Beverage and JBA Chevrolet for donating the Corvette items; and
- Mike Furman from Criswell Chevrolet for donating the Sebring Corvette portrait to be raffled off after the dinner.

The meeting ended at 10:25 p.m. The next Board of Directors meeting will be on Wednesday, June 12 – 7:00 p.m. – Board Meeting @ Jerry Blumenthal's office - RSVP to Eileen Lesser at 410-484-9242 or [eileen3304steve@verizon.net](mailto:eileen3304steve@verizon.net).

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Lesser  
Recording Secretary

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## **Membership Chairman's Report**

### **Glenn Gitschier**

As of 6-5-19, we have 98 members in our Chapter. The latest members to join are Robert and Judy Estill, Chris Moore, and Thomas Phillips. Welcome to all!

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. Also, if anyone is ever interested in knowing how many judging points you have, well I can now check that for you - just ask. Thanks, Glenn

## **Judging Chairman's Report**

### **Rick Aleshire**

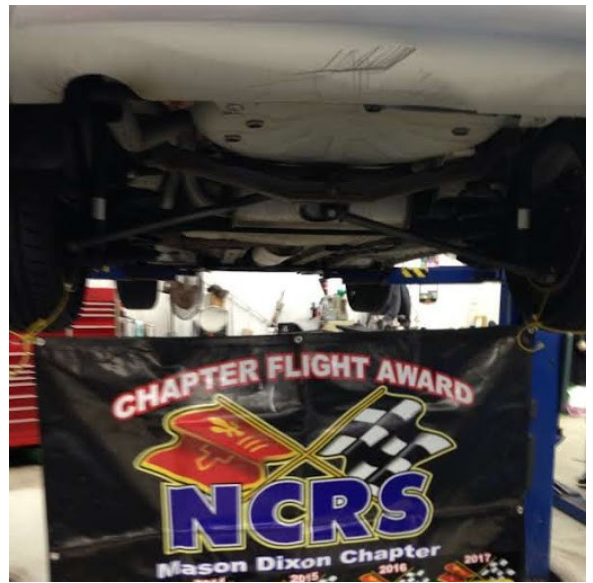
On Sunday, April 7 at Ron Adam's Chevrolet Havre de Grace, MD we judged NINE beautiful Corvettes; SEVEN of which were Mason Dixon members' cars!. We had a lengthy discussion on how to work with painters to achieve a "factory applied appearance" with current paint formulas. We also had a lengthy question and answer session on "Judging the Condition" of numerous line items. We need to THANK Ron Adams for the use of his dealership, and see him if you are looking to buy a new vehicle! Also, we need to thank judges who came from Delaware Valley; Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic Chapters to help with the judging. The following are pictures of the judging and are provided courtesy of Richard Brodbeck and Jim Buckley.















PLEASE congratulate the following Mason Dixon members for bringing their cars out and achieving the following results:

**Gregory Connelly - 1957 - 2nd Flight**  
**Howard Fisher / Bruce Solomon - 1964 - Top Flight**  
**Robert Gavigan - 1967 - Top Flight**  
**Mike Eagan - 1969 - Top Flight**  
**Charlie Elek - 1969 - 2nd Flight**  
**Charlie Elek - 1990 - Top Flight**  
**Dan Materazzi - 1991 - Top Flight**

#### **Mason Dixon @ Social Activities Report** **Steve Lesser**

We are in the height of our Corvette driving season. As Mother Nature cooperates, we won't have as much rain as we had last year, and we should be able to take out the Corvettes. If you missed the Garage Tech Session, you really missed some terrific "man caves." We saw Vettes, Gassers, beautiful homes, and outstanding garages.

Coming up on June 22, is our road tour and luncheon at Friendly Farms Restaurant as we cruise through Baltimore County countryside, tops down, smelling that fresh country air. Please RSVP if you plan to join us and be on the caravan or just meet us at the restaurant for a dining experience you won't forget. Lots and lots of good food!

On July 13, we will be caravanning to the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, a most heart-warming experience. To see the children come outside and get so excited when they see our cars, and their parents are overjoyed that the kids can sit in the cars and have a different activity other than the normal hospital routine. Then we will return to the Lesser's home for a BBQ luncheon and swim party to cool off the rest of the day. Please RSVP if you would like to attend.

We have lots of great activities coming up during the summer. If you don't participate, you are missing the fun and the camaraderie that Mason-Dixon offers.

A Corvette is made for fun. If you don't drive it, or if you don't participate in any of the events that Mason Dixon offers, how much fun can that be? Call me if you have any new ideas for road trips, lunches, dinners, charity events, etc. or email [eileen3304steve@verizon.net](mailto:eileen3304steve@verizon.net).

The following pictures are from the annual Spring Dinner on April 13 courtesy of Jim Buckley.



### **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



## 1967 L-71 Coupe Restoration Continuation

### Steve Bertling NCRS #65340

As most of you know, my brother Norbert left us in November 2018, before his beloved 1967 L71 project was completed. So, I have undertaken this project and will be completing it for him. It has taken me this long to get my shop ready and to get all the parts transported and logged.

Now that it is all in my garage, I have started working on the car itself. We had the motor in the frame and suspension done while Norbert was still with us. In fact, he was still helping in the restoration efforts the week before he passed. I only hope he keeps me on the right path to get this completed as he would want. The following are pictures of where we currently are at with the project.



The day we brought it to my garage with help from my friend C.J.Wilson and Tom Earlbeck, who let me use his trailer. Here it sits in its new home.



Removing the body again so I can finish replacing body mounts and prepping the underside.





The frame gets to hang out with my motorcycles for a while. I will be finishing the drive train, brake lines, exhaust and gas tank while the body is off.

I know we missed the original completion date of June 2017 but hopefully I can get it done in the next year. I'll keep you updated as I go. I am open to any and all suggestions, comments and helping hands.

Thank you all for your support.

**Steve Bertling**

**True Barnfind - 1970 Corvette**  
**Kim / Rob Barnes - NCRS #18969**

The victim - a 1970 Corvette Convertible - Donnybrooke Green on green vinyl. The Corvette was located by a Ferrari collector friend in Vermont. The car had been sitting in a shed for the last ten years. The original owner had died and his family was agreeable to selling the Corvette. We purchased it site unseen in November 2018. Fortunately the owner saved the protecto plate, warrenty books and other original paperwork; and the car has all the original components including interior and paint.

The C3 arrived in Maryland surprisingly DOA and rodent infested in December 2018. Before attempting to start the engine, we rotated the assembly to make sure it was not locked up.

First, we took the dash out to the firewall ensuring that all wiring and vacuum lines were intact. We cleaned up electrical connections behind the dash and engine compartment, to include corroded connections with transistorized Ignition system. We reassembled the interior to include freeing up the power windows and door locks.

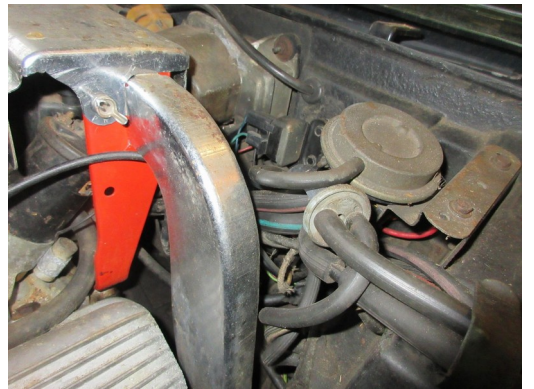
Second, we tried to start the engine after purging all the old fuel from the tank, lines, and carburetor. We then put five gallons of Aviation Fuel (low lead 100 octane in the tank). The engine now had spark, fuel and air; it started quickly but had no oil pressure. So, we put it on the lift and pulled the oil pan. We inspected the oil pan, windage tray and passage doors which were all congealed with one inch deep sludge (sludge was above the elevation of the oil pump pick up screen).

Third, was a careful clean up of the oil pan; inspect and photo document the exposed lower end of the engine (which looked good). We then reinstalled the oil pan with the existing oil pump still installed. We filled the crankcase with 10-30 GM oil and Lucas ZDDP additive. We removed the distributor and primed the oiling system with a Jegs oil pump primer tool.

Fourth, Kim started the car; ever the protector, I was outside with a fire extinguisher, just in case! The car started right away and ran beautifully with around 70 lbs of oil pressure. Initial problems resolved, and follow-on cleanup will follow in the next installment. Here are some pictures of the progress to get the car started!









2003

## Celebrate! Celebrate! 2003 Corvette Turns 50



All Pictures Courtesy GM

2003 was a special year for the Corvette. It had been in production for 50 years, a milestone by any measure. The success of the Corvette was a tribute to the fact that it never lost sight of its original intentions: fast affordable fun with an abundance of style and pizzazz.

Corvette owners celebrated the 50th with parties, caravans, a road tour involving conventions, Nashville KY, the Corvette Museum and the Bowling Green manufacturing facility. In 2002, Corvette was the honored marque at the Monterey historic automobile races in August.



A 2003 Corvette paced the 2002 Indy 500. Although no pace car replicas were available, a Indy 500 decal package could be had for \$495.00.

A 50th Anniversary Edition Corvette (RPO 1SC; \$5,000) was available for 2003. It included an Anniversary Red exterior paint along with a Shale interior (below) and convertible top. RPO 1SC was not available with the Z06. All 2003 Corvettes, including the Z06, were treated to 50th Anniversary emblems on the nose and front fender.



Corvette engineers got a lot closer to active suspension nirvana with the introduction of the Magnetic Selective Ride Control (RPO F55; \$1,695.00) introduced in 2003. It was miles ahead of the previous Selective Real Time Damping (RPO F45; \$1,695.00) which also adjusted the suspension but was slow doing so. The Magnetic Selective Ride Control (MSRC) equipped Corvettes had an advanced shock absorber system which featured a fluid with tiny iron particles. An electronically controlled magnet changed the fluid in a way that caused it to flow through the orifices at a controlled rate. This had the effect of making the shock absorbers quickly adjustable for all driving conditions. The system had two modes: Active and Sport.

Ride quality was excellent with the MSRC, which is where the advantage of being able to quickly adjust the shocks really comes into its own. MSRC was not available with the Z06 which is probably a reflection of its pure performance intentions.

### 2003 Corvette Options, Prices

RPO	Description	Production	Price
1SB*	Preferred Equipment Group-Sport Coupe	7,310 (20.61%)	\$1,200.00
1SB**	Preferred Equipment Group-Convertible	6,643 (18.73%)	\$1,200.00
1SC***	50th Anniversary Edition-Sport Coupe	4,085 (11.52%)	\$5,000.00
1SC****	50th Anniversary Edition-Convertible	7,547 (21.28%)	\$5,000.00
79U	Millennium Yellow with tint coat	3,900 (11.00%)	\$750.00
AAB	Memory Package (Z06 hardtop)	8,241 (23.23%)	\$175.00
B84	Body Side Moldings	22,243 (62.71%)	\$150.00
C2L	Dual Removable Roof Panels (coupe)	5,184 (14.62%)	\$1,200.00
CC3	Removable Roof Panel, blue tint (coupe)	3,150 (8.88%)	\$750.00
DD0	Electrochromic Mirrors (Z06 hardtop)	8,227 (23.19%)	\$120.00
F55	Magnetic Selective Ride Control (coupe and convertible)	14,992 (42.27%)	\$1,695.00
G92	Performance 3.15 Axle (automatic, coupe and convertible)	9,785 (27.59%)	\$395.00
MN6	6-Speed Manual Transmission (coupe and convertible)	8,590 (24.22%)	\$915.00
N73	Magnesium Wheels (coupe and convertible)	293 (0.83%)	\$1,500.00
QF5	Polished Aluminum Wheels (coupe and convertible)	10,290 (29.01%)	\$1,295.00
R8C	Corvette Museum Delivery	787 (2.22%)	\$490.00
U1S	Remote 12-Disc Changer (coupe and convertible)	15,979 (45.05%)	\$600.00
UL0	Delco Stereo Cassette (coupe and convertible)	4,664 (13.15%)	n/a
V49	Front License Plate Frame	20,605 (58.09%)	\$15.00
Z51	Performance Handling Package (coupe and convertible)	2,592 (7.31%)	\$395.00

**Total Production:** 35,469

**Coupe:** 12,812 (36.12%)

**Convertible:** 14,022 (39.53%)

**Hardtop:** 8,635 (24.35%)

**Notes:** Base Corvette Coupe with 346 cu. in. 350 hp engine and four speed automatic transmission: \$43,895.00.

Base Corvette Z06 Hardtop with 346 cu. in. 405 hp engine and six speed manual transmission: \$51,155.00.



### 2003 Packages

RPO	Description	Contains	Production	Price
1SB	Convertible Equipment Group	heads-up display, power telescoping steering column, electrochromatic mirrors, memory package and twilight sentinel.	6,643 (18.73%)	\$1,200
1SC	Coupe Equipment Group	All 1SB items + Magnetic Selective Ride Control and 50th Anniversary Paint and Trim	4,085 (11.52%)	\$5,000
1SC	Convertible Equipment Group	All 1SB items + Magnetic Selective Ride Control and 50th Anniversary Paint and Trim	7,547 (21.28%)	\$5,000

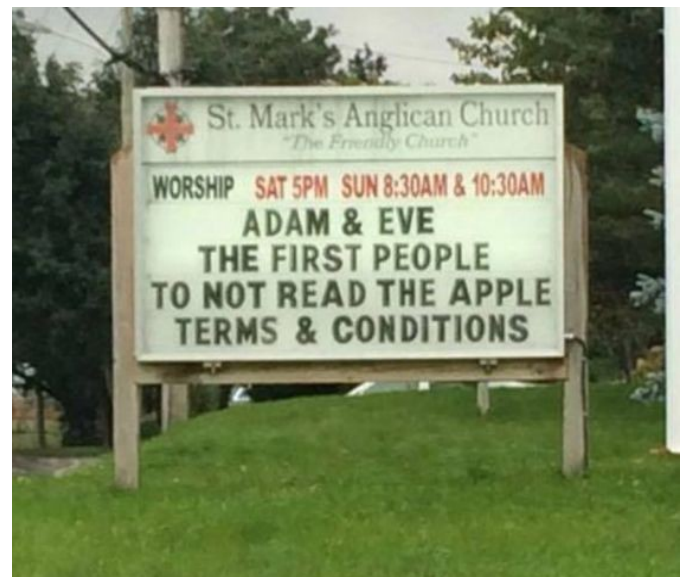
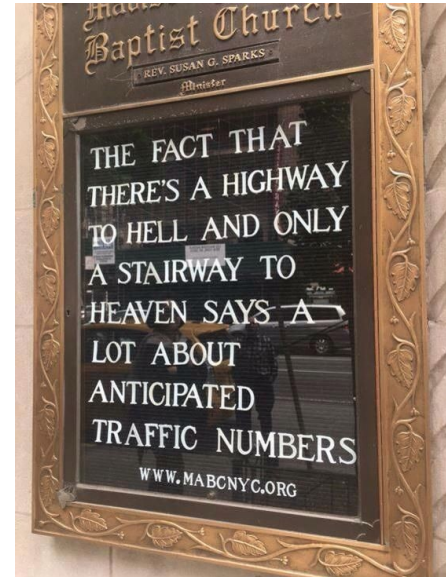
### Colors

Code	Exterior	Quantity	Interior	Soft Top
12	Quicksilver	2,387 (6.73%)	Black / Light Gray / Red	
21	Electron Blue	2,770 (7.81%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak	
40	Speedway White	679 (1.91%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak / Red	
41	Black	5,597 (15.78%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak / Red	
70	Torch Red	5,205 (14.67%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak / Red	
79	Millennium Yellow	3,900 (11.00%)	Black	
88	Medium Spiral Gray	3,299 (9.30%)	Black / Light Gray / Light Oak / Red	
94	Anniversary Red	11,632 (32.79%)	Shale	

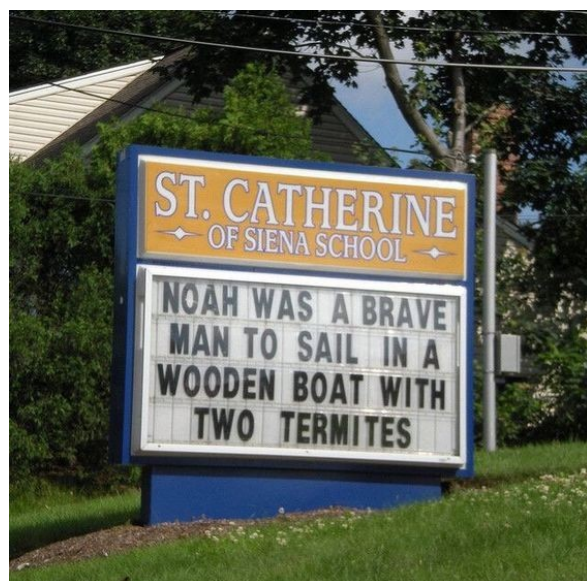
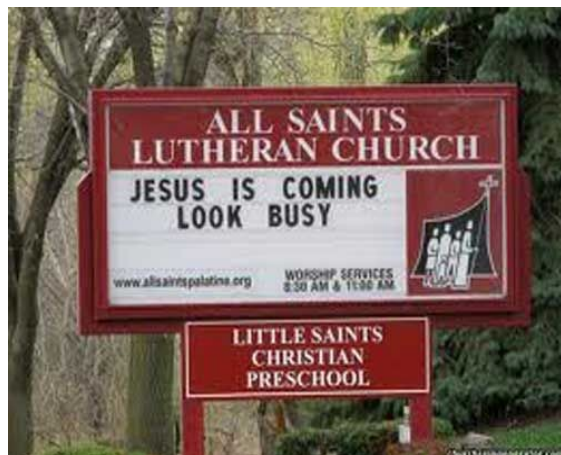
**Notes:** Z06 interiors limited to black or black - red. 50th Anniversary Corvette interiors and convertible tops were shale.

## KOMEDY CORNER

You gotta luv these church signs! Hope these provide some smiles for YOUR day!









## **Persistence**

A man was driving when he noticed the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for speeding, even though he knew he wasn't. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly. Again, the camera flashed.

Thinking this was funny, he drove past even slower three more times, laughing as the camera flashed each time he drove by at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later, he received FIVE tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt!!!!

## **Believe**

I can't believe we're still giving clothing as a gift. Whenever you get clothing as a present, you always open it up and you think, "Not even close!"

And, the person who gives it is always like, "You can take it back if you don't like it!"

"That's alright. I'll just throw it out. Don't give me an errand!"

## **Humor in Uniform**

I was brushing my teeth when my squad leader barged in. He was holding a toothbrush, which he used to scrub under the rim of a toilet.

"What are you doing?" I asked.

"Hazing the new guy," he said.

"You do know that he could get ill from the bacteria on the toilet."

His reply, "You didn't!"

## **Ship Came In**

Someday my ship will come in. And, with my luck it'll probably smash right into my dock!

## **Star Lawyer**

The man was an eloquent trial lawyer. He graduated from law school magna cum loudmouth!

## **GM CAR HELP LINE**

"General Motors Help Line, how can I help you?"

"I got in my car and closed the door - nothing happened!"

"Did you put the key in the ignition slot and turn it?"

"What's an ignition?"

"It's a starter motor that draws current from your battery and turns over the engine."

"Ignition? Motor? Battery? Engine? How come I have to know all of these technical terms just to use my car?"

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"General Motors Help Line, how can I help you?"

"Hi! I just bought my first car, and I chose your car because it has automatic transmission, cruise control, power steering, power brakes, and power door locks."

"thanks for buying our car. How can I help you?"

"How do I work it?"

"Do you know how to drive?"

"Do I know how to what?"

"Do you know how to drive?"

"I'm not a technical person! I just want to places in my car!"

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"General Motors Help Line, how can I help you?"

"Your car stinks!"

"What's wrong?"

"It crashed, that's what went wrong!"

"What were you doing?"

"I wanted to run faster, so I pushed the accelerator pedal all the way to the floor. It worked for a while, and then it crashed -- and now it won't start!"

"It's your responsibility if you misuse the product. What do you expect us to do about it?"

"I want you to send me one of the latest versions that doesn't crash anymore!"

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