



**MASON DIXON Blue and Gray
Spring / 2022**

- ~Member ~ National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS)
- ~ NCRS TOP FLIGHT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR ~ Former Winners for Sixteen Consecutive Years
- ~ NCRS & Mason Dixon Activities ~ Judging Events – Rallyes – Drags – Cruisin’ Nights – Day Trips - Banquets – Weekend Outings - Annual Atlantic City Bus Tour
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Hello Fellow Mason Dixon Chapter Members!

It has been great seeing many of you at our recent events and I wish to extend a warm welcome to our newest members!

We have been having a good turnout at recent events, including our latest judging and our spring dinner. Please watch our Facebook page and calendar of events for upcoming events and I hope to see many of you there!

The NCRS Driveline magazine is an excellent resource! It includes some great articles, including those of a technical nature. It also is a good source of upcoming local and national events!

I look forward to seeing all of you this summer and wish you all the best!

I can't forget to mention what great members we have along with the great board and volunteers we have that make this the greatest Chapter of them all.

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

Vice Chairman's Report
Jim Buckley

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

It's looking like beautiful days ahead In our neighborhoods!

Let's get our Corvettes out on the road and enjoy the pleasant weather while it lasts. Steve Lesser has many wonderful events planned for the rest of the year, including the big one, Corvettes at Carlisle taking place near the end of August.

So with that being said and Covid seemingly under control we would like to see more Chapter Members participating. Also, check out our Calendar of Events on our Mason Dixon website for any changes.

As usual be safe and stay cool.

Hope to see you soon. Thank you, Vice Chairman, Jim

Treasurer's Report
Ed Ranier

The current, adjusted balance, as of May 31, 2022 is \$20,154.69 according to the checkbook. Thanks, Ed

Recording Secretary's Report
Rosemary Ranier

Minutes of the Board Meeting
Virtual by zoom at 6pm
Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Attendees:

Gus Tsamourus, Jim Buckley, Glenn Gitschier, Rick Aleshire, Ed Ranier, Rosemary Ranier, Steve Lesser, Ira & Elana Katz, Jerry & Rona Blumenthal, Rocky Baldino, Jim Cella, Rosanna King

Chairman's Report

Gus Tsamouras will check on the status of the Chapter with Maryland Assessment & Taxation to confirm we have filed all required reports. Working on the yearly paperwork that NCRS needs. He also said he'd like to encourage more member participation.

Vice-Chairman's Report

Jim Buckley announced that all paperwork was up to date.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Ranier announced that M&T Bank shows, as of Feb. 28, 2022, \$20,062.92 in the checking account. There were some checks that came in after this date and are not included in the above number.

Secretary's Report

Rosemary Ranier mentioned that her father died and Rocky Baldino's father died. She is working with Steve Lesser to get the calendar of events put together and they will e-mail to all the members shortly.

Membership Report

Glenn Gitschier reported we have 94 members. We have new members Malcolm & Sandy Taylor. We have one (1) unpaid member and five (5) members who paid the local chapter dues but let their national membership dues expire. One is from May, 2021. It was emphasized that to belong to the club, members must pay the yearly \$50 national dues as well as the \$40 chapter dues.

Glenn has been trying to contact the 6 members by phone and e-mail. The Board discussed and agreed that once a member has gone 30 days beyond the due date that the membership should be dissolved. Glenn was to try and reach the above individuals to let them know. The Board agreed that the member, who hasn't paid since May, 2021 should be dropped from the membership.

Ira Katz, who orders the name tags for new members, asked about a new membership packet for new members and volunteered to do this.

Rosanna King suggested we bring new member application forms to public events.

Webmaster Report

Jim Cella reported that we are 1 of 3 Chapters nationally who don't do business online, including paying dues and National is moving in that direction for all the Chapters. National has a new President, Ms. Shannon Urton.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Rocky Baldino has been monitoring and handling the Chapter's social media. In addition to Facebook, he is looking into Instagram and Twitter as a way of getting the word out about the Chapter and its activities.

Social Activities Report

Steve Lesser announced he got his new C8.

The social calendar went out in January to all the Board members for input. No one responded with any so the calendar will be posted to the membership on Facebook. All listed activities are good to go and the aim is to notify the membership one (1) month before each activity.

The Spring dinner will be at Liberatore's Restaurant on Saturday, May 14, 2022. The Bunting Museum tour is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2022 but our contact is trying to get it moved to a Saturday so more people can go.

Judging Chairman's Report

Rick Aleshire reported we have a Judging event on Sunday, April 3, 2022.

Rick also reported that he will be putting out 4 Newsletters a year. It includes all reports, technical articles, etc. He will have deadlines for submission for each Newsletter. He also reported that we are the only Chapter awarded Top Flight every year since it's been in existence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ira Katz brought up about the possibility of having monthly membership meetings or social events. The Board discussed that someone would have to chair this, be responsible for the activities and find places for the members to meet. If someone was willing to be responsible for this the Board will discuss. It was also discussed if this is done, that once a month might be too much and maybe it should be quarterly. This topic was tabled until someone volunteers.

Elana Katz and Rosanna King brought up about sharing the members' contact information with all the members. Gus Tsamouras said that this was done in the past and a number of members were unhappy that their information was shared at all. It was suggested that a questionnaire could be sent out to the members to answer. Some of the questions could include, *Do you want your personal information shared with other members? Would you be willing to volunteer for a Committee? Would you attend monthly or quarterly meetings? What suggestions do you have for future events?*

Gus Tsamouras will meet with Elana Katz to talk about a questionnaire. Rocky Baldino advised that Google Docs has questions, it can be sent to the membership and they can send it back. Rocky said he'd be glad to send it out.

Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Ranier
Recording Secretary

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Membership Chairman's Report **Glenn Gitschier**

As of 6-7-2022, we have 98 members in the Chapter. Our newest members are Malcom and Sande Taylor, Patrick and Vanita Kelley, Gary and Donna Gabranski, Larry and Teresa Goren, and Stanley and Susan Berkman. 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

For those who were able to venture to Ron Adams Chevrolet on April 3, 2022 - we had a great and informative day talking about the proper determination of what constitutes a deduction of point(s) either for ORIGINALITY or CONDITION; also the proper documentation of how the determination was made so the owner clearly could understand and determine how / whether to make the "needed" correction. We also had an opportunity to judge six very beautiful Corvettes, by the way as the following pictures attest.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following four Mason Dixon members and thank you for bringing your beautiful Corvettes to Ron Adams. Greg Connelly - 3rd Flight and Carl Kus - 2nd Flight both brought 1963's; Richard Brodbeck – Top Flight a 1965; and Kristina (father Dan bought the car) – Top Flight a 1986.



Mason Dixon @ Social Activities Report

Steve Lesser

We've had a lot of great activities so far with the judging at Ron Adams's, the dinner meeting at Liberatores and coming up:

- Our Road Tour and Luncheon at Friendly Farms on Saturday, June 11th.

So shine up your Corvette, fill it up with gas and bring your appetite, because there's lots of good eating at Friendly Farms.

- **DON'T MISS THE TOUR OF THE BUNTING MUSEUM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25th.** You'll see automobiles that you haven't seen in over 65 years! The tour starts at **10:00 A.M.** at the museum and goes **to 12 noon.**

- In July, we're headed for the **Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital** to see the kids. That annual event will take place on **Saturday, July 16th.** This is a heartwarming event and you and the kids will feel great after the visit. We will make our donation to the hospital and then caravan to lunch. Look for more details.

The more you get involved in the activities, the more fun you will have with your Corvette!

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

1976 Spring / Summer Maintenance
Patrick Kelley - NCRS #69138

I think two things that are often overlooked are - checking the pressure and serviceability of spare tires; and checking or changing rear gear lubricants.

In C3 Corvettes, the spare tire is actually a part of the crash protection system. Not a lot of people know that. Makes you want to ensure that spare is all the way inflated, doesn't it?

When I bought my '76, the lock and bolt were both frozen tight under my car; and when I finally freed them with penetrating oil and hard work, I discovered the spare was flat - and was the original, sticker-on-the-tread 1976 Firestone! There was no way I would trust a 40-plus year old tire on the road if I needed it. Now, I know a lot of you might just be inclined to call a road service for a flat; but, like I said, your spare might just serve an additional safety purpose as well. Respect it.

And, as far as rear gear lube goes, mine was sludge. It wasn't doing the positraction system much good. Luckily, I changed it in time.

Also, regarding spares and rear gearing - NEVER use a so-called 'space-saver' (undersized) spare - even temporarily - on either rear wheel on cars equipped with posi - OR a badly under-inflated full-sized tire. Unequal geometry between the rear drive can burn up a posi unit in as little as just a few miles - leaving you with single-track only. And an expensive repair.

Last, but not least - today's fuels are mildly corrosive on pre-1990 or so carbs. Either rebuild them with gaskets and seals meant to take it, or use an additive - like Carb Defender - with every other fill-up or so. No one wants a fire in their engine compartment. And, please - carry an extinguisher anyway. Even if your car never develops a fire, you might just be able to help another motorist in trouble.

Buckle up, be safe, and enjoy the ride!

2008

2008 Corvette C6 LS3 Engine: More Displacement, Horsepower



Chevrolet Corvette

LS3 6.2L V8
2008 (LS3)

The big news for 2008 was under the hood: Engine displacement was increased to 6.2 liters (376 cubic inches) via a bore increase. Output was upped to 430 hp (424 lb.-ft. torque) and a new engine designation - LS3 - announced the good news. Credit for the increase went to revised a camshaft / valvetrain, a high flow intake and the use of the Z06's fuel injectors. A new for '08 dual mode exhaust (RPO NPP; \$1195) which bypasses the muffler for a very aggressive sound. A similar system has been used on the Z06; the difference being that the Z06 used 3 inch pipes and the LS3 uses 2.5 inch pipes.

The manual transmission shifter, which already worked amazingly well, was refined via shorter shifts. Upgrades in the automatic transmission resulted in quicker shifting. Two colors, Jetstream Blue Metallic Tintcoat and Crystal Red Metallic Tintcoat were added and the Le Mans Blue Metallic and Monterey Red Metallic Tintcoat were discontinued.

There were no changes to the Z06 for 2008.



For the 10th time since 1978 a 2008 Corvette C6 convertible paced the Indianapolis 500; a Corvette also had paced the previous four 500s. Emerson Fittipaldi, whose signature was part of the graphics, drove the pace car at the start. Production was limited to 500 - 234 coupes (\$59,090.00) and 266 convertibles (\$68,160.00).

Starting in 2008, Hertz, as part of their "Fun Collection", offered a special Corvette rental with the "ZHZ" designation. Individual Hertz Rent-A-Car offices set their own rates, but it was generally \$200 - \$250 a day. 500 coupes and 350 convertibles were built; predictably, all were automatics. There were no engine or suspension upgrades but distinguishing features included a black stripe, exclusive polished wheels, a decal on the console and (right) special ZHZ fender badges. Apparently the program was successful, as it was repeated in 2018 with 100 Z06 coupes - also with automatic transmissions - with similar yellow / black livery.



Detailed refinements to the interior made the Corvette even more inviting.



2008 Corvette Options, Prices

RPO	Description	Production	Price
2LT	Equipment Group - Coup	3,086 (8.74%)	\$1,495.00
2LZ	Equipment Group - Z06	4,929 (13.96%)	\$3,045.00
3LT	Equipment Group - Coup	9,201 (26.06%)	\$4,505.00
3LT	Equipment Group - Convertible	5,879 (16.65%)	\$5,100.00
3LZ	Equipment Group - Z06	1,460 (4.13%)	\$6,545.00
45U	Velocity Yellow exterior paint	3,264 (9.24%)	\$750.00
4LT	Equipment Group - Coup	834 (2.36%)	\$8,005.00
4LT	Equipment Group - Convertible	528 (1.50%)	\$8,600.00
83U	Atomic Orange exterior paint	2,246 (6.36%)	\$300.00
85U	Jetstream Blue exterior paint	3,728 (10.56%)	\$750.00
89U	Crystal Red exterior paint	5,420 (15.35%)	\$750.00
C2L	Dual Removable Roof Panels (coup)	2,773 (7.85%)	\$1,400.00
CC3	Removable Roof Panel, Transparent (coup)	3,251 (9.21%)	\$750.00
D30	Non-recommended color / trim / top combo	189 (0.54%)	\$590.00
F55	Magnetic Selective Ride Control (coup and convertible)	4,666 (13.21%)	\$1,995.00
GU2	Real Axle 2.73 Ratio (with automatic transmission)	8,839 (25.03%)	\$395.00
MX0	Six-speed Paddle Shift Automatic Transmission (coup and convertible)	19,136 (54.19%)	\$1,250.00
NPP	Dual Mode Exhaust System (coup and convertible)	13,454 (38.10%)	\$1,195.00
Q44	Competition Gray Aluminum Wheels (Z06)	395 (1.12%)	\$395.00
Q76	Chrome Aluminum Wheels (Z06)	5,101 (14.45%)	\$1,995.00
Q9V	Chrome Forged Aluminum Wheels (coup and convertible)	2,932 (8.30%)	\$1,850.00
QG7	Polished Forged Aluminum Wheels (coup and convertible)	5,412 (15.33%)	\$1,295.00
QL9	Polished Aluminum Wheels (Z06)	970 (2.75%)	\$1,495.00

QX1	Competition Gray Aluminum Wheels (coup and convertible)	1,781 (5.04%)	\$395.00
QX3	Original Design Chrome Wheels (coup and convertible)	9,626 (27.26%)	\$1,850.00
R8C	Corvette Museum Delivery	954 (2.70%)	\$490.00
U3U	AM/FM, CD, Navigation with Bose	16,807 (47.60%)	\$1,750.00
Z51	Performance Package (coup and convertible)	10,706 (30.32%)	\$1,695.00

Total Production: 35,310
Coupe: 20,030 (56.73%)
Convertible: 7,549 (21.38%)
Z06: 7,731 (21.89%)

Notes: Base Corvette Coup with 6.2L 376 cu. in. 430 hp engine and six speed manual transmission: \$45,995.00.

Base Corvette Convertible with 6.2L 376 cu. in. 430 hp engine and six speed manual transmission: \$52,335.00

Base Corvette Z06 Coup with 427 cu. in. 505 hp engine and six speed manual transmission: \$65,800.00.

2008 Packages

RPO	Description	Contains	Production	Price
2LZ	Equipment Group Z06	Includes side impact air bags, power telescopic steering, heated seats, memory package, steering wheel audio controls and six CD sound system	4,929 (13.96%)	\$3,045
3LT	Equipment Group Coupe	Includes 2LT items + head up display	9,201 (26.06%)	\$4,505
	Equipment Group Convertible	Includes 2LT items + head up display	5,879 (16.65%)	\$5,100
3LZ	Equipment Group Z06	Includes 2LZ items + leather wrapped interior and bias pattern console trim	1,460 (4.13%)	\$6,545
4LT	Equipment Group Convertible	Includes 2LT and 3LT items + crossed flags headrest embroidery	528 (1.50%)	\$8,600
4LT	Equipment Group Coupe	Includes 2LT and 3LT items + crossed flags headrest embroidery	834 (2.36%)	\$8,005

Colors

Code	Exterior	Quantity	Interior	Soft Top
10	Arctic White	1,974 (5.59%)	Ebony / Red / Cashmere / Titanium	
41	Black	9,380 (26.56%)	Ebony / Red / Cashmere / Titanium	
45	Velocity Yellow	3,264 (9.24%)	Ebony / Red / Cashmere / Titanium	
67	Machine Silver Metallic	3,660 (10.37%)	Ebony / Red / Cashmere / Titanium	
741	Victory Red	5,638 (15.97%)	Ebony / Red / Cashmere / Titanium	
83	Atomic Orange Tintcoat	2,246 (6.36%)	Ebony / Red / Cashmere / Titanium	
85	Jetstream Blue	3,728 (10.56%)	Ebony / Ebony/Cashmere / Ebony/Gray / Ebony/Red / Cashmere / Titanium Gray / Sienna / Linen	
89	Crystal Red	5,420 (15.35%)	Red / Ebony / Ebony/Cashmere / Ebony/Gray / Ebony/Red / Cashmere / Titanium Gray / Sienna / Linen / Dark Titanium	

KOMEDY CORNER

Hope these provide some smiles for YOUR day!

DOCTOR! DOCTOR!

An old geezer, who had been a retired farmer for a long time became very bored and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Get your treatment for \$500 - if not cured get back \$1,000."

Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. He went to Dr. Geezer's clinic and this is what happened.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Aaagh! This is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Doctor Young: "Oh no you don't, that's Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500." Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak I can hardly see!"

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so. Here's your \$1000 back."

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$500..."

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of the story: Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an old "Geezer "

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1000 POINTS!

A man dies and goes to heaven when Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates.

Peter says, "You need 1000 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all of the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item. When you reach 1000 points, you get in."

"Okay," the man says, "I was happily married to the same woman for fifty years and never cheated on her, not even in my mind."

“That’s wonderful,” says Peter, “that’s worth two points!”

“Two points?” he says. “Well, I attended church all my life and gave my ten percent tithe faithfully.”

“Terrific!” says Peter. “That’s definitely worth a point.”

“One point? My goodness! Well, what about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for the homeless?”

“Fantastic, that’s good for two more points,” he says.

“TWO POINTS!” the man cries. “At this rate the only way I can get into heaven is by the grace of God!”

“Now that’s what we’re looking for! Come on in!”

PEANUTS!

A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch, he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks.

"No, not at all!" the woman replied. They chat for an hour and, as the preacher stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts. I really just meant to eat a few."

"Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth, all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

ZEN SARCASM!

1. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
2. Some days you're the bug, some days you're the windshield.
3. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
4. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put back in your pocket.
5. A closed mouth gathers no foot.
6. Duct tape is like 'The Force'. It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.
7. There are two theories to arguing with a women - Neither one works.
8. Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.
9. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
10. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

STUFF HAPPENS

Tao: Stuff happens.

Catholicism: If stuff happens, you deserved it.

Protestantism: Let stuff happen to somebody else.

Judasim: Why does stuff always happen to us?

Islam: Stuff happens according to the will of Allah.

Buddhism: The stuff is an illusion.

Zen: What is the sound of stuff happening?

Hinduism: This stuff happened before.

Mormonism: This stuff should multiply.

Baha'i Faith: Stuff happens in a progressive manner.

Agnosticism: I'm not sure about this stuff.

Atheism: That stuff about the stuff is all just made up stuff.

Jonestown: Forget about the stuff and just drink the Kool-Aid.

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A Rabbi, A Hindu And A Lawyer

A rabbi, a Hindu and a lawyer were driving late at night in the country when their car broke down. They set out to find help and came to a farmhouse.

When they knocked at the door, the farmer explained that he had only two beds, and one of the three had to sleep in the barn with the animals. The three quickly agreed.

The rabbi said he would sleep in the barn and let the other two have the beds. Ten minutes after the rabbi left, there was a knock on the bedroom door. The rabbi entered exclaiming, "I can't sleep in the barn; there is a pig in there. It's against my religion to sleep in the same room with a pig!"

The Hindu said HE would sleep in the barn, as he had no religious problem with pigs. However, about five minutes later, the Hindu burst through the bedroom door saying, "There's a COW in the barn! I can't sleep in the same room as a cow! It's against my religion!"

The lawyer, anxious to get to sleep, said he'd go to the barn, as he had no problem sleeping with animals. In two minutes, the bedroom door burst open and the pig and the cow entered...

Biblical bumper stickers:

Jonah: Save the Whales

The Israelites: Honk If You Love Moses

Elijah: My Other Chariot Rolls

Goliath: Support the Ban on Slingshots

Lot: If You Can't See Sodom, You're Too Close

Methuselah: Be Kind to Senior Citizens

WHO SHOT THE BUCK?

Three friends decided to go hunting together. One was a lawyer, one a doctor, and the other a preacher. As they were walking, along came a big buck. The three of them shot at the same time and the buck dropped immediately. The hunting party rushed to see how big it actually was. Upon reaching the fallen deer, they found out that it was dead but had only one bullet hole.

A debate followed concerning whose buck it was. When a game warden came by, he offered to help. A few moments later, he had the answer.

He said with much confidence, "The pastor shot the buck!"

The friends were amazed that he could determine that so quickly and with so little examination.

The game warden just smiled. "It was easy to figure out. The bullet went in one ear and out the other."