



**MASON DIXON Blue and Gray
Fall & Winter / 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 -
- ~ *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 close to years end. During this past year we have enjoyed many events! From ride-alongs, luncheons, dinners, judging events, car shows and more! Member participation was excellent in 2022!

We raised money for various charities which include Children's Hospitals, Toys for Tots, The Erin Levitas Foundation and others.

This year our chapter expanded in membership! I want to thank the Board and all the volunteers for their tireless work, effort and dedication.

I look forward to a fun-filled fantastic 2023! I hope you enjoy the holidays spending quality time with family and friends.

As always, if you need anything, please feel free to reach out to me or another Board Member. Happy Holidays!

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

Vice Chairman's Report
Jim Buckley

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

Well here it is the end of 2022, and what a year we had! We lost a few wonderful members but over all we are still maintaining an acceptable membership level. All of our events went very well including our standard events. Of course we could always use more volunteers and people to participate.

So with that being said watch the calendar for Steve Lessor's updated events for 2023.

We wish to thank all of those board members that volunteer their time and efforts to keep things rolling. As many of you know we have been Chapter of The Year Award since it's inception.

So come on out and let's keep moving forward. Blessing to all. Hope everyone enjoys their Holidays and onto the New Year.

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

Treasurer's Report
Ed Ranier

The current, adjusted balance, as of November 30, 2022, is \$18,952.17 according to the checkbook. There aren't outstanding check I am aware of. Thanks, Ed

Recording Secretary's Report
Rosemary Ranier

Minutes of the Board Meeting
Virtual by Zoom at 6pm
Wednesday, October 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman, Gus Tsamouras. Present were:

Gus Tsamouras, Chairman Steve Lesser, Social Chairman Edward Ranier, Treasurer
Rosemary Ranier, Secretary Jerry Blumenthal, Historian Glenn Gitschier, Membership
Rocky Baldino, Media Rick Aleshire, Judging Chairman Jim Buckley, Vice Chairman (by phone)
Also present was member Ira Katz

Chairman: Gus reminded everyone that Corvette Weekend in Ocean City was this coming weekend. Several members have responded to Gus and others to Ira Katz. Members in attendance are invited to meet on Saturday night at Fager's Island Restaurant at 5:30pm.

The Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital, on Wednesday, October 19 at 11am will be dedicating a room to Stephen George who was a past president of the Mason Dixon Corvette Chapter.

Saturday, October 29 will be the member's paid up luncheon (for those members whose dues are paid up to date) at the Green Turtle in Hunt Valley Mall at 12 noon. You must have an NCRS membership number to receive the \$20 that will be given to the member at the Green Turtle for the member to use towards his lunch. Members may bring friends or family but they must pay for their own lunch unless they are a member and have their own NCRS membership number. They must RSVP to Steve Lesser by October 25 if they are coming and how many so that the restaurant can be advised and the Chapter has the money for those eligible attending. Gus will send out notice to the members.

Saturday, November 12 is the fall dinner meeting for the Chapter at Liberatore's Restaurant. Rosemary will send out notice. RSVP will meal selection and check will be due by November 7 to Ed Ranier.

East Coast Indoor Nationals will be December 3 & 4, 2022 at the Timonium Maryland State Fairgrounds. The Chapter could get a spot that will hold 8-10 cars. The Chapter would also pay the \$500 to \$600 for the space. It was discussed having 1 corvette of each series. Any car that is displayed has to stay for the entire time. The Board, as a tie breaker, will determine which cars will be displayed if more than one of a series is submitted. Ira Katz will look into this

National wants all Chapters to transact money business through an online account. Paypal is being looked into. This would be a chapter account. Details still being worked out.

Treasurer: Edward Ranier reported M&T Bank shows, as of September 30, 2022 the Chapter has \$ 19,493.73.

Membership: Glenn Gitschier reported that we now have 99 members in good standing, including 4 new members who were signed up recently. Dennis Brave and Victor Marino are leaving.

Social Chairman: Steve Lesser announced the Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital, the paid up member's lunch and the Fall dinner meeting as noted by Gus above. Steve was still trying to get the cost from the restaurant for the Fall Dinner meeting and will give to Rosemary so she can send the information out to the members.

Judging: Rick Aleshire reported that there was judging of Charlie Elek's '57 and '63. 2d flight was received for both. Rick reported that we have done the number of cars required to be judged and that the Chapter should receive top flight again. Gus will be talking to Ron Adams about our spring judging on March 26, 2023. Rick said that information was needed for the December Driveline.

Social Media: Rocky Baldino said he keeps the website and calendar updated and posts photos there too. PLEASE send any photos to post on any of the Chapter media to Rocky - rbaldinojr@gmail.com

Vice Chairman: Jim Buckley had no report. He plans on attending the Mount Washington dedication.

Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Ranier
Recording Secretary

Web site: www.NCRS.org/masondixon

Membership Chairman's Report

Glenn Gitschier

As of 12-5-2022, we have 100 members in the Chapter. Our newest members are Al and Carol Lepeau. 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

Mason Dixon members ventured to Charlie & Mary Elek house in Fallston to help judge their 1957 and 1963 - very beautiful cars!



Social Activities Report

Steve Lesser

Mason Dixon NCRS Chapter had a very successful year! Cruises, luncheons, charity events, garage crawls, dinners and lots of places to drive your Vette! The more activities you attend the more fun you will have with your car.

If you have any idea's or fun things you would like to do or any place you would like to go let me know.
REMEMBER IT'S YOUR CLUB !

Have a safe, healthy, holiday season and look for the events calendar next January!

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.

Social Media Coordinator's Report
Rocco Baldino

Folks, as the social media coordinator I would like to get any comments, suggestions, etc. on the layout of the Facebook, website, etc. Send everything to me at - rbaldinojr@gmail.com

Again, as other BoD members have stated, this is your Chapter and our social media presence is no different. I will work to provide the information you need / want, but need to know. Thanks, Rocky

Let's Change a Coil Pack on our C4 Corvettes

Jim Buckley - NCRS 23431

Replacing a bad ignition coil is dead simple. Read on to have your Corvette running on all cylinders in no time.

The coil packs that come stock on the Corvette are fairly tough and rarely need replacing; however, sometimes they do fail. A failing coil pack will feel like a dead spark plug and even the diagnostic trouble code will be the same. Luckily, removing the coil packs is as easy as unscrewing a few bolts.

Materials Needed

- Ignition coils
- Socket wrench

Step 1 – Disconnect the battery

It is always a good idea to unplug the negative battery terminal when working on a vehicle's electrical system. Disconnect the negative battery terminal (black).

Step 2 – Remove engine covers

Simply pull the engine covers off to expose the fuel rails and ignition coils. Check for cracks on the coil packs, signs of melting or any other damage.

Step 3 – Unplug and unbolt ignition coils

Disconnect the ignition coils from the spark plug wire and the electrical connector. Each ignition coil is secured to the fuel rail cover by two bolts. Remove these bolts with a socket wrench and pull the ignition coil away.



Step 4 – Re-installation

Installation is the opposite of removal. Replace the blown coil pack with a new one. Tighten the bolts to reconnect the spark plug wires and electrical connectors.

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KOMEDY CORNER

Biblical Songs!

Noah: "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head"

Adam and Eve: "Strangers in Paradise"

Lazarus: "The Second Time Around"

Esther: "I Feel Pretty"

Job: "I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues"

Moses: "The Wanderer"

Jezebel: "The Lady is a Tramp"

Samson: "Hair"

Salome: "I Could Have Danced All Night"

Daniel: "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"

Esau: "Born To Be Wild"

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: "Great Balls of Fire!"

The Three Kings: "When You Wish Upon a Star"

Jonah: "Got a Whale of a Tale"

Elijah: "Up, Up, and Away"

Methuselah: "Stayin' Alive"

Nebuchadnezzar: "Crazy"

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God is Watching!

Children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, "Take only one, God is watching."

At the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. Moving through the line a boy wrote another note to leave by the cookies, "Take all you want, God is watching the apples."

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The Pharmacist

Upon arriving home, a husband was met at the door by his sobbing wife. Tearfully she explained, "It's the pharmacist. He insulted me terribly this morning on the phone. I had to call multiple times before he would even answer the phone".

Immediately, the husband drove down town to confront the pharmacist, and demand an apology.

Before he could say more than a word or two, the pharmacist told him, "Now, just a minute, listen to my side of it. This morning the alarm failed to go off, so I was late getting up. I went without breakfast and hurried out to the car, just to realize that I'd locked the house with both house and car keys inside and had to break a window to get my keys".

"Then, driving a little too fast, I got a speeding ticket. Later, when I was about two miles from the store, I had a flat tyre". "When I finally got to the store a bunch of people were waiting for me to open up. I got the store opened and started waiting on these people, all the time the darn phone was ringing".

He continued, "Then I had to break a roll of coins against the cash register drawer to make change, and they spilled all over the floor. I had to get down on my hands and knees to pick up the coins and the phone was still ringing. When I came up I cracked my head on the open cash drawer, which made me stagger back against a showcase with a bunch of perfume bottles on it. Half of them hit the floor and broke".

"Meanwhile, the phone is still ringing with no let up, and I finally got back to answer it. It was your wife. She wanted to know how to use a Rectal thermometer".

"And believe me Mr., as God is my witness, all I did was tell her".

Don't Wake the Neighbors!

A man arrives at the gates of heaven.

St. Peter asks, "Religion?"

The man says, "Methodist."

St. Peter looks down his list, and says, "Go to room 24, but be very quiet as you pass room 8."

Another man arrives at the gates of heaven.

"Religion?"

"Baptist."

"Go to room 18, but be very quiet as you pass room 8."

A third man arrives at the gates.

"Religion?"

"Jewish."

"Go to room 11, but be very quiet as you pass room 8."

The man says, "I can understand there being different rooms for different religions, but why must I be quiet when I pass room 8?"

St. Peter tells him, "Well the Catholics are in room 8, and they think they're the only ones here."

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.*

Romantic Text Message

An elderly couple learned to send text messages on their mobile phones.

The wife, a retired college English instructor with emphasis on the Classics, was an unapologetic romantic; her husband, a retired salty Navy chief petty officer of thirty years' service, was a no-nonsense guy.

One afternoon the wife went to the local Starbucks to meet a friend for coffee. While awaiting her friend's arrival, she exercised her new skill by sending her husband a romantic text message. "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking, send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you."

The husband responded: "I'm takin' a shit. Please advise."

Almost brings a tear to my eyes.

A Male Fairy Tale

Once upon a time, a Prince asked a beautiful Princess, "Will you marry me?"

The Princess immediately said, "No!"

And the Prince lived happily ever after; rode motorcycles and dated thin, long-legged, full-breasted women; hunted and fished and raced cars; went to titty bars and dated ladies half his age and drank whiskey, beer, and Captain Morgan; never heard bitching and never paid child support or alimony; dated cheerleaders and kept his house and guns, and ate spam and potato chips and beans; blew enormous farts, and never got cheated on while he was at work. All his friends and family thought he was friggin' cool as hell! He had tons of money in the bank, and left the toilet seat up.

The End.

Olde Fartes Jokes

