



**MASON DIXON Blue and Gray
Summer / 2023**

- ~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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Chairman's Report
Gus Tsamouras

Hello Mason Dixon Chapter Members!

Well, here we are and it's summer time. I'm hoping everyone has dusted off the Corvettes that have been hiding in garages.

I would like to thank all of our board members, volunteers and contributors.

We are off to a great start this year. It's been great seeing so many of you at our events and get togethers. Our trip to the Car Barn, Cars and Coffee in Hunt Valley, our Spring judging event, 70th Anniversary event, the regional in Altoona, etc.

Our Chapter judging event was a huge success this year. I have been judging on the East Coast this year and have received many compliments about our judging program that Rick Aleshire runs.

We had a good amount of attendance at the Regionals and it was awesome to see our Chapter members do well and participate at various events.

I would like to thank Steve Lesser for putting together a great 70th Corvette birthday event at his house a few ago. And ,how about that television coverage!

I hope to see everyone soon and once again we still need someone to step forward for our Chairman's position.

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

Vice Chairman's Report
Jim Buckley

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

Well Spring has sprung, and pleasant weather has arrived! Time to remove or put down the tops of our Corvettes!

We have a number of exciting events coming up for everyone to participate in. Mount Washington Hospital is such a worthy event (July 15). The Staff, as well as the children thoroughly enjoy seeing our Vettes. Please try to make this one.

Also for those of you who enjoy great food, Friendly Farms is also coming up soon (July 29). Yum! Yum!

And the BIG one, Corvettes at Carlisle (August 24-26)!!!!

So you see it is shaping up to be a very fun filled and busy time. Please join us as often as you possibly are able. Hope to see you soon. Thank you, Vice Chairman, Jim

Treasurer's Report
Ed Ranier

The current, adjusted balance, as of May 31, 2023 according to the bank is \$19,763.14. There aren't any outstanding checks I am aware of. Thanks, Ed

Recording Secretary's Report
Rosemary Ranier

Minutes of the Board Meeting
Berkshire Hathaway Office, 53 Aylesbury Road, Timonium, MD 21093 at 6pm
Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Present: Chairman: Gus Tsamouris
Vice Chair: James Buckley
Treasure: Edward Ranier
Secretary: Rosemary Ranier
Membership: Glenn Gitschier
Social: Steve Lesser
Member: Mel Lorden
Member: Jerry Blumenthal

The Chapter needs to vote on the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer & Secretary positions.

Edward Ranier says he will stay on as treasurer if no nominations come in.
Rosemary Ranier said she will stay on as secretary if no nominations come in.
Mel Lorden was nominated for Vice Chairman

An E-mail will be sent out to the membership asking for nominations and then elections will be held.

It was agreed that the people presently in the positions will help any new officers get acclimated to the position.

Membership:

Glenn Gitschier reported that we have 8 members who haven't paid NCRS or Chapter dues. He has contacted them a couple of time and he will reach out to them one more time.

Treasurer:

Ed Ranier reported that as of April 30, 2023 there was \$19,832.30 in the bank. There are some member dues in PayPal that Gus will help him sign onto so the money can be transferred to the bank.

Social Activities:

Steve Lesser reported the AACA in Gettysburg is this Saturday, May 20. He had set up possible caravan. a

The 70th Corvette Anniversary will be held at Steve's house on Friday, June 16. Everyone was asked to bring their corvettes. So far 16 people have signed up.

TV channels Fox, WMAR & WJZ are supposed to be there to. The Omelette King will be there to serve breakfast.

The Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital donation from the chapter will be held on Saturday, July 15. Details will be coming.

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

Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Ranier
Recording Secretary
Web site: www.NCRS.org/masondixon

Membership Chairman's Report

Glenn Gitschier

As of 6-23-23, we have 101 members in the Chapter. Our newest member is Charles Palacorolla who joined 4-2-23. 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. 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 March 26, 2023 Mason Dixon hosted our annual Spring Judging Meet, along with Judging School at Ron Adams Chevrolet located in Havre de Grace, MD. We need to thank the many judges from several surrounding NCRS Chapters who helped make this a successful event! Think all will agree there were some outstanding examples of Corvettes presented for judging!



Mason Dixon members ventured to Steve Lesser's house in Pikesville on June 16 to celebrate the Corvette's 70th birthday! Local news channel WBFF 45 was there to live stream the event! A couple of pictures of the gang and our Vettes, in particular Greg Connelly and his 1953 and 2023! Not much change is there!



Social Activities Report

Steve Lesser

We have a lot of exciting upcoming events planned.

- July 15 - we will caravan to Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital then we are going out to lunch.

- July 29 - We are going thru the Baltimore County countryside and ending up at Friendly Farms restaurant. **BRING YOUR APPETITE!**
- We had a great event celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Corvette. The Omelette King for breakfast, with WBFF 45 TV covering the event live! 17 Corvettes on the front lawn - Corvettes from a 1953 to a 70th Anniversary Corvette and everything in between!

Look for your flyers with the upcoming list of events!

If you have any idea's or fun things you would like to do or any place you would like to go please call me at 443-506-1360 so we can put it on the calendar.

REMEMBER IT'S YOUR CLUB!

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

Replacing Coil Spring Spacers on a C3

Chris Krieger - NCRS 47844

C3 Coil Spring Spacers

I was chasing a body lean issue last summer on my 1973, the typical lower driver side lean often seen on C3s. I changed my rear spring four times and even tried a composite spring with little or no change! I tried longer rear spring bolts lowering the passenger side, but it required too much for a small change. BTW, I had previously replaced all four body mount cushions. After some research I realized that a small change in the FRONT would also affect the rear!

GM actually made spacers for our Corvettes and other models. Early big block C-60 C3's have been found with spring spacers under the front coil springs. Whether these were installed at the factory or as a service to compensate for air conditioning weight remains debatable. The spacer was installed on the bottom between the lower control arm and spring. It's virtually impossible to detect unless you're specifically looking for it. This spacer is different from the aftermarket ones that are placed between individual spring coils.

So how did I solve my lean? By installing a GM spacer on the left front which LOWERED the right rear! Now the car is perfectly horizontal and all four tire to body measurements are exactly in specifications.

I hope this article helps others solve those mysterious body lean conundrums!

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KOMEDY CORNER

Keeping Romance Alive

An old couple is sitting in their living room when the old woman leans over and says to the old man, "Remember when we were younger and you used to hold my hand?"

The old man grabs the old woman's hand.

Then she says, "Remember when we were younger and you used to put your arm around me?"

The old man puts his arm around the old woman.

Then she says, "Remember when we were younger and you used to nibble on my ear?"

To the old woman's surprise, the old man gets up off the couch and starts to walk away. "Honey, where are you going?" she says.

The old man replies, "I'm going to get my dentures."

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Breaking Bad News

A man goes on a two-month business trip to Europe and leaves his cat with his brother. Three days before his return, he calls his brother. "So how is my cat doing?"

"He's dead," said his brother.

"He's dead!? What do you mean he's dead? I loved that cat. Couldn't you think of a nicer way to tell me?"

"How did you want me to tell you?" he asked his brother in return.

"You could have broken the news to me easier. You could have told me today that she got out of the house or something. Then, when I called before I left, you could have told me, Well, we found her, but she is up on the roof, and we're having trouble getting her down. Then, when I called you from the airport, you could have told me that the fire department was there and scared her off the roof, and the cat died when it hit the ground.

"I'm sorry, you're right, that was insensitive," replied his brother.

"Alright, alright, forget about it. Anyway, how is Mom doing?"

His brother sighed and said, "She's up on the roof, and we're having trouble getting her down."

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Once Upon a Time

Once upon a time, a beautiful, independent, self-assured princess happened upon a frog in a pond.

The frog said to the princess, "I once was a handsome prince until an evil witch put a spell on me. One kiss from you and I will turn back into a prince and then we can marry, move into the castle with my mom and you can prepare my meals, clean my clothes, bear my children and forever feel happy doing so."

That night, while the princess dined on frog legs, she kept laughing and saying, "I don't THINK so."

Marriage Training

A son told his father he wanted to propose to his long time girlfriend, but he worried if he was ready to get married to begin with. So he asked him.

Son: How do I know if I'm ready.

Father: Before you do anything, please say sorry.

Son: For what?

Father: Say sorry.

Son: But for what? What did I do?

Father: Just say sorry.

Son: But...what have I done wrong?

Father: Say sorry!

Son: WHY?

Father: Say sorry!!

Son: Please, just tell me why?

Father: Say sorry!!!

Son: OK, Dad...I'm sorry!

Father: There! You're finished training. When you learn to say sorry for no reason at all, then you're ready to get married!

Dorm Rules

On the first day of college, the Dean addressed the students:

“The female dormitory is out-of-bounds for all male students, and the male dormitory is to the female students. Anyone caught breaking this rule will be fined \$20 the first time. Second violation will be a \$60 fine. Third time will cost you a fine of \$180. Are there any questions?”

A male student inquired, “How much for a season pass?”

Tricky Burglar

A man went to the police station wishing to speak with the burglar who had broken into his house the night before. The desk sergeant says “You'll get your chance in court, sir”.

Man says “No, No, No, I just want to know how he got into the house without waking my wife. I've been trying to do that for years!”

The Eulogy

One woman married and had 6 children. Her husband died. She soon married again and had 3 more children. Again, her husband died. But she remarried and this time had 4 more children. At last, she finally died.

Standing before her coffin, the preacher prayed to the Lord above, thanking Him, for this loving woman who fulfilled his commandment to “Go forth and multiply.”

In his eulogy, the preacher said, “Lord, they’re finally together.”

Leaning over to a neighbor, one mourner quietly asked, “Is he referring to her first, second or third husband?”

The neighbor replied, “I think he’s referring to her legs.”

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A Coffin

A coffin maker was on his way to deliver one of his coffins when his car broke down just before reaching his customer’s location. He was a strong man, and trying not to be late, he lifted the coffin over his head and began walking to his destination.

A police officer saw him and asked, “Hey, what are you carrying and where are you going?”

The man, annoyed by the lack of common sense, replied sarcastically, “I didn’t like where I was buried so I am relocating.”

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Doctor Needed

A well respected surgeon was relaxing on his sofa one evening just after arriving home from work. As he was tuning into the evening news, the phone rang. The doctor calmly answered it and heard the familiar voice of a colleague on the other end of the line.

“We need a fourth for poker,” said the friend.

“I’ll be right over,” whispered the doctor.

As he was putting on his coat, his wife asked, “Is it serious?”

“Oh yes, quite serious,” said the doctor gravely. “In fact, three doctors are there already!”

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The Will

Doug Smith is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and 2 sons, are with him. He asks for 2 witnesses to be present and a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes.

When all is ready he begins to speak, “My son, Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses. My daughter Sybil, you take the apartments over in the east end. Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the City Centre. Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the banks of the river.”

The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Doug slips away, the nurse says, “Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property”.

The wife replies, “No, the jerk was talking his paper route.”

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Gray Hair

A curious child asked his mother, "Mommy, why are some of your hairs turning gray?"

The mother tried to use this occasion to teach her child about good behavior and obedience and said, "It is because of you, dear. Every time you misbehave, throw a tantrum or do something mommy asked you not to do, one of my hairs turns gray!"

The boy thought for a moment and replied innocently, "Oh Mommy, you must have been so bad to turn Grandma's hair is all gray."

Wrong Approach

A lovely afternoon finds one fellow and his wife golfing. They have had a wonderful time and the man has had a near perfect game. The final hole, by far the most difficult, wraps around an old barn. With a terrible slice the man puts the barn between his ball and the green. Knowing that the strokes that it will take to get around the barn will destroy his score, he begins to rant and rave.

His wife hating to see him ruin such a great afternoon makes a suggestion. "What if I were to hold open the barn doors? That way you could send it right through the barn onto the green."

He thinks this over and decides that it will work. With his wife holding open the barn door he lines up with the hole and gives the ball a terrific "whack"! The ball shoots through the air and right into the head of his wife, killing her instantly.

Months go by, the man mourning all the while. His friends, hating to see him in such a state, convince him to go golfing with them. They end up at the same course and on the final hole, oddly enough, another terrible slice puts the old barn between his ball and the green.

Again he begins to rant and rave at what this dilemma will do to his score. His friend, wanting to please him, makes a suggestion.

"What if I were to hold open the barn doors? That way you could send it right through the barn onto the green."

"No," the man replies, "last time I did that I got two over par."