



MASON DIXON Blue and Gray
Fall / 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
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Chairman's Report

Gus Tsamouras

Hello Mason Dixon Chapter Members!

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events. We have a member's paid-up luncheon, annual dinner, and our winter event at the Timonium car show to look forward to coming up.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our recent events and have volunteered their time to help make these events a resounding success! Without you supporting your NCRS Chapter we can't continue the support to our community!

I encourage everyone to please take a peak at our website and Facebook page to stay current on our events and happenings.

PLEASE NOTE: If you haven't sent in your vote for the elections please do so as soon as you can! Remember, any member can also write-in someone's name for consideration.

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!

Well, it has been a hotter than usual summer season in our neck of the woods. That just means if your Corvette is not air conditioned, you enjoyed lots of top-down driving adventures!

As a group, we had lots of activities to participate in. Corvettes at Carlisle was another great event as usual!

We should all be checking the Calendar for upcoming fun things to do with our Vettes! As next year is rapidly approaching, the Board Of Directors (BoD) are preparing to do some type of "cabin fever" events, such as our last year's trip to Barrys Car Barn in Lancaster Pennsylvania. If it is planned again this year, please try to attend. There are others being discussed to keep us busy.

Don't forget to thank Steve Lesser for all he does for our group planning!

Well, keep on driving as sitting around both for cars and people is not good!

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

Treasurer's Report
Ed Ranier

The current, adjusted balance, as of August 31, 2023 according to the bank is \$18,932.26. Ed also reminded the BoD there is money in the PayPal account that needs to be transferred to the bank account. 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, September 6, 2023

Present: Chairman: Gus Tsamouris
Vice Chair: James Buckley (virtually)
Treasurer: Edward Ranier
Secretary: Rosemary Ranier
Membership: Glenn Gitschier
Social Chair: Steve Lesser
Member: Mel Lorden

Chairman: Gus Tsamouras reported he is sending a nominations request out to the general membership for the upcoming year's officers. The Chapter needs to vote on the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer & Secretary positions.

- Right now there are nominations for:
 - Chairman – Mel Lorden
 - Vice Chairman – Jim Buckley
 - Treasurer – Ed Ranier
 - Secretary – Rosemary Ranier

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

Gus also pointed out that the Judging Chairman; Membership Chairman; Social Activities; Webmaster; Historian are all appointed positions. Gus mentioned he would like to assume the Judging Chairman position.

Finally, Rocky Baldino in his capacity requires access to the Chapter mailing list. The BoD voted and granted the access.

Vice Chairman: Jim Buckley reported that the 3rd quarter paperwork is due to National on October 1.

Membership: Glenn Gitschier reported that we have 101 members.

Treasurer: Ed Ranier reported that as of August 31, 2023 there was \$18,932.26 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 he is looking for date and place in October for the paid-up member luncheon. He is also looking for a date in November for the annual fall dinner. Finally, he is attempting to get information about the Glenn L. Martin museum and the Freeland Fire Department car show.

Good of the Chapter:

- Discussion on whether the Chapter should raise the judging fee. Tabled
- Discussion on whether the Chapter should reserve a spot at Corvettes of Carlisle – voted yes
- Noted Chapter was chartered in 1991 with the first meeting at Manor Tavern

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 9-19-23, we have 101 members in the Chapter. Our newest members are Bob and Donna Hale 8-29-23; Paul Winicki 9-3-23; and Bruce and Jean McCommons 9-6-23. 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 Chapter members have been busy supporting local car show clubs and their charities; as well as the NCRS at a number of Chapter and Regional events as well as the National. Mason Dixon was asked to include this plug for the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY.

An American Love Affair: 70 Years of Corvette National Corvette Museum 70th Anniversary Presentation

If you have been to the National Corvette Museum in the past and do not believe it is worth going again, it is not the same. Their investment in audio, video, new displays, and people are well worth a second visit. If you have never been, thinking it is just an old car museum, it is worth the time to go – it will be time well spent and a memory that will last.

For the 70th anniversary of the Corvette, the National Corvette Museum has invested heavily in technology and new displays to provide a never before experienced exhibit. The event opened to the public on June 30th, the 70th anniversary of the first Corvette. The event was heavily attended by NCRS members such as Mark Tully and Mike Ingham with many of the new cars being sourced by Vito Cimilluca.

The exhibit is all new with upgraded technology including an eight and a half feet tall LED display that covers the outer perimeter of the Skydome where the cars are displayed and exceptional audio to provide the largest TV viewing presentation you will encounter short of a jumbotron at an NFL football game.



The presentation was designed by the National Corvette Museum team and takes you through the early creation of the Corvette but quickly brings back our memories of the 60s, 70 and 80s and America's love affair with the Corvette and notes that Barbie didn't drive a Mustang. It shows the Corvette featured in various shows, songs and movies like Route 66 which take many of us back to a time when we were younger and could not wait to buy a Corvette or the pride of owning one. It reminds us of our love affair – 70 years of the Corvette.

When you enter the Museum, you first encounter 1953 Corvette number 231 off the line which has a Duntov Award from 2022. For the purist, it does have lacquer paint.



But this '53 car is only the start of the experience. Of more interest is the 'Entombed 1954 Corvette' that is an all-original car with 2,000 miles on it. The owner's wife hated the looks so much that her husband entombed the car with a brick wall in one of the grocery stores he owned until it was recovered.



But don't stop there as the Museum has 53 special cars. Probably the most special is John Neas' (NCRS #171 of the Oklahoma Chapter) 1956 Corvette SR-2. Part of what is so special about the car is that Chevrolet designed it in-house and built it in-house, which shows how important this was to them. They took their best people from improving cars like the Belair with 1.5 million cars produced a year to work on this car. Ford, with say, their 1969 NASCAR 429 Mustang, sent things out-house to Kar Craft. Ford kept their top people working on design and build improvements to their bread-and-butter cars. Chevrolet put their best people, their in-house, on the project and with Shop Order 90179 by Bob Mclean, head of experimental styling, and designed it in-house and with engineering #6911 built it in-house.



In addition to the cars, each year, a leader is inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame from one of three categories: GM-Chevrolet, Racing and Enthusiast. The 2023 members-elect are:

- GM – David Wichman
- Racing – Dan Banks
- Enthusiast – John Amgwert

Enthusiast – John Amgwert, Founding Member of National Corvette Restorers Society In 1974, John Amgwert became member #3 and co-founder of the National Corvette Restorers Society. Amgwert's passion for Corvette

translated into a 25-year stint as the editor-in-chief of The Corvette Restorer magazine – a go-to resource for Corvette history. Amgwert's efforts with the NCRS to form a technical library ultimately resulted in what would become the National Corvette Museum. Amgwert's passion for and commitment to seeking out the truth about key cars in Corvette history continues to this day.



These winners will be formally inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Saturday, September 2, 2023. This will be extra special as Corey Peterson from the Utah Chapter is hoping to drive likely 1953 Corvette VIN 001 into the museum in an unrestored condition to view the construction of this early car. I hope Corey can 'Get'er Done' in time.

My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit and every person we met was polite, knowledgeable, and helpful from the first person you met at admissions to staff in the halls who answer questions on then on to the retail shop. It was a mark of true southern hospitality. We even spotted the President and CEO, Sharon Brawner, who had time to stop and talk to just two attendees. We found out she was a true car gal from the start with her dad owning, restoring and maintaining '55-'57 Chevys.

We stopped at the Stingray Grill which is an incredibly upscale restaurant – no Steak and Shake. My wife had their 2nd favorite meal, the Stingray Burger, which features Wagyu beef, Bison, Elk, and Boar. I had their most popular meal, the Blackberry Grilled Cheese which is cheese, blackberry jam, bacon and jalapenos. It is not traditional, but it is incredible. The heat of the jalapenos is offset by the sweet of the blackberry jam. You are not going to find this high of quality food and upscale menu at any chain restaurant.

The trip was well worth the time and a memory was created that will last a lifetime.

Bill Mulder St. Louis Chapter Member.

Social Activities Report

Steve Lesser

Fall is the best time to drive your Corvette! Your Vette will run its best. Cool, no overheating and more power. So LETS GO!

Here are some upcoming events, so make sure to get them on your calendars!

- **PAID UP MEMBERSHIP LUNCH....** October 14 Saturday at 12:00 PM. Be sure to R S V P to me so we bring enough money.
 - Lunch will be at Stone Bridge Grille, 21336 York Road, Parkton MD
 - **MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW LOOK FOR FLYER**
- Our Fall Dinner will be November 18 Saturday at Liberatore's Restaurant. **SAVE THE DATE! LOOK FOR YOUR FLYER FOR MORE DETAILS! YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU WILL GO HOME WITH!**
- **REMEMBER HUNT VALLEY HORSEPOWER EVERY SATURDAY MORNING - 8:00 to 10:00** lots of club members attend.

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

67 WINDOW CRANK KNOB WOBBLE REPAIR

Gary Seymour - NCRS 7140

NOTE: This works for 1967 and maybe other years.

The repair kits you can buy require you to drill out the original rivet on the back of the knob. Judges can see the replacement “rivet” is not like the original.

I came up with this trick that seems to work pretty good and saves the original rivet. Just get some soft aluminum repair solder, small like in the picture, and stuff it in around the rivet.



Go round and round the rivet best you can. When you have the knob tight, put it on the window gear and crank your window up and down about 10 times. Then put in more solder, much as you can. Crank again.



Mine held up good during the second 10 cranks. I don't know how long it will stay tight, but should long enough for judging. Mine is a "trailer queen", so I won't be putting stress on my repair.

See the picture of all the tools I got out to do this, but in the end, I mostly used a small flat screw driver and a little of the 90 degree scribe.



You can see the gap around the rivet on the knob.



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KOMEDY CORNER

Church Bulletin Bloopers

- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- The Honeymooners are now having bible studies each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan who are preparing for the birth of their first child.
- Thursday at 5:00 pm, there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his private study.
- (For the group of ladies called Moms Who Care and pray for the children in school). When their meeting was cancelled one week: "There will be no Moms who care this week."

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My First Confession

A parish priest was being honored at a dinner on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his arrival in that parish. A leading local politician, who was a member of the congregation, was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner, but he was delayed in traffic, so the priest decided to say his own few words while they waited.

"You will understand," he said, "the seal of the confessional can never be broken, however I got my first impressions of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I can only hint vaguely about this, but when I came here 25 years ago I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first chap who entered my confessional told me how he had stolen a television set, and when stopped by the police, had almost murdered the officer! Further, he told me he had embezzled money from his place of business and had an affair with his boss's wife. I was appalled!

But as the days went on, I learned that my people were not all like that, and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of understanding and loving people."

Just as the priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and give his talk. "I'll never forget the first day our parish priest arrived in this parish," said the politician. "In fact, I had the honour of being the first one to go to him in confession."

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Getting Saved!

A father asked his little boy if he knew how a person gets saved. "We'll be saved by going to our church every Sunday," the boy said without hesitation.

His father explained that going to their church each week would not save them.

"Well, then, we better find another church!" replied the boy.

God, Send Me Money!

Little Johnny wanted \$100 for a new bike and prayed for two weeks, but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter asking for the money. When the local postmaster saw the letter addressed to "God, USA," he decided to send it to the President of the United States.

The President was so impressed, touched, and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5 bill. Little Johnny was delighted with the \$5 and wrote a thank-you note to God.

It read: "Dear God, thank you for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through Washington, D.C. As usual, those crooks deducted \$95."

And God Created Dog and Cat

A newly discovered chapter in the Book of Genesis has provided the answer to 'Where do pets come from?' Adam said, "Lord, when I was in the garden, you walked with me every day. Now I do not see you any more. I am lonesome here and it is difficult for me to remember how much you love me."

And God said, "No problem. I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of my love for you so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourself."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and it wagged its tail.

And Adam said, "Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal."

And God said, "No problem. Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him Dog."

And Dog lived with Adam and was a companion to him and loved him. And Adam was comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that Adam's guardian angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam has become filled with pride. He struts and preens like a peacock and he believes he is worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught him that he is loved, but perhaps too well."

And the Lord said, "No problem. I will create for him a companion who will be with him forever and who will see him as he is. The companion will remind him of his limitations, so he will know that he is not always worthy of adoration."

And God created Cat to be a companion to Adam. And Cat would not obey Adam. And when Adam gazed into Cat's eyes, he was reminded that he was not the Supreme Being. And Adam learned humility. And God was pleased. And Adam was greatly improved. And Dog was happy. And Cat didn't care one way or the other.
