



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

- ~Member ~ National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS)
- ~ NCRS TOP FLIGHT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR ~ Former Winners for
Seventeen Consecutive Years
- ~ NCRS & Mason Dixon Activities ~ Judging Events – Rallyes – Drags –
Cruisin' Nights – Day Trips - Banquets – Weekend Outings -
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Maryland*

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Chairman's Report
Gus Tsamouras

Hello Fellow Mason Dixon Chapter Members!

To all our members who are in the Maryland area, I hope you and your cars are staying warm! To all of our members who are in the southern states and Florida let me say I am envious!

At this time I would like you to join me in giving Mel Lorden our new Chapter Chairman a warm welcome. I look forward to working with him moving forward.

It was great seeing so many of you at the indoor car show a few weekends ago. Our display was fabulous and it was great seeing so many of you.

I just want to say Thank You for the opportunity to serve in this great Chapter!

Please be on the lookout in the next few weeks for our upcoming events.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season!

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

Vice Chairman's Report
Jim Buckley

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

This looks like my last input to all you Chapter members! A heart felt **Thank You** to everyone who kept us up in the top spot for Chapter Of The Year Award for so many years! It was a pleasure to serve the group as both Chairman and Vice Chairman for many past years.

So fortunate to be leaving the post to the best guy possible - Rick Aleshire. Cheers and applause!

Again, Thank you for allowing me to serve! And, I will also leave instructions for the inscription on the gold watch and return the key to the executive restroom! LOL!!!!!!

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 November 30, 2023 according to the bank is \$20,197.51. 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
Thursday, October 26, 2023

Present:

Chairman - Gus Tsamouris Vice Chairman - James Buckley Treasurer - Edward Ranier
Secretary - Rosemary Ranier Membership - Chair Glenn Gitschier Social Chair - Steve Lesser
Judging - Rick Aleshire Historian - Jerry Blumenthal Nominated President - Mel Lorden
Member - Ira Katz

Members were emailed a request for any nominations they may have for the elected officer positions open as of January 1, 2024. Elections were held and the following will be the new officers as of January 1, 2024:

Chairman: Mel Lorden Vice Chairman: Rick Aleshire Treasurer: Edward Ranier
Secretary: Rosemary Ranier

The following appointed officers were also announced by the BoD:

Judging Chair: Gus Tsamouris with help from Rick Aleshire
Membership Chair: Glenn Gitschier will continue but hoping someone steps forward
Steve Lesser will be the social chairman but he is looking for members to work on a social activities committee.
Rocky Baldino will be the webmaster and communications coordinator
Jerry Blumenthal will be historian

MEMBERSHIP report:

Glenn Gitschier says we have 100 members. New member Bruce McCommons has been sent a welcome package.

TREASURER report:

Edward Ranier says the bank shows \$19,462.46

VICE CHAIR report:

James Buckley says that Mel Lorden will do the quarterly report but he will help him.

JUDGING report:

Gus Tasmouris will be taking over judging with help from Rick Aleshire. A judging date of April 7, 2024 has been proposed.

HISTORIAN report:

Jerry Blumenthal reported that the Antique Auto club had an event at Friendly Farms, Sunday, October 29, 2023. Len Stoler Chevy in Westminster was having a car show on November 11, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gus Tsamouris reported that the chapter should be more involved with Corvettes at Carlisle and this should be an event for the Chapter.
- Ira Katz reported the chapter will be participating in Motorama at the Timonium Fairgrounds December 1-3, 2023. One of each series of Corvettes will be on display. In addition, there will be a raffle for Toys

for Tots. He reported that we need stanchions, decorations, small cars to raffle, banners and some chairs. Jim Buckley said the banner needs to be hung or held up.

- Mel Lorden brought in some Chapter business cards with a QR code he had made up as an idea for handing out. People can just scan the QR code on the card and it will take them to our web site. Board agreed it was a great idea.
- Some members are using the PayPal account. The PayPal vendor takes 3%.
- The Chapter is looking into putting some of the money into a CD.
- Changes will need to be made on the bank account since there's a change in Chairmans.
- Fall Dinner meeting is November 18, 2023 at Liberatores Restaurant. Reservations have been coming in.

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 12-4-2023, we have 99 Chapter members in good standing. Our newest members are Richard and Marylee Dannenberg who joined 11-20-23. 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. Update ALL of your NCRS contact information online at:

<https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/change-address.php>

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.

The following personal story on Corvettes at Carlisle 2023 is offered by one of our very own Mason Dixon Chapter member – Rocco Baldino.

I was originally planning on just attending 2023 Corvettes at Carlisle with my daughter Brie and our 2001 C5 Corvette. The show brings well over 3,000 "vettes" together in all conditions, colors, modified to original.

As the event got closer, I was notified by the NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society) Delaware Valley Chapter that my 1971 C3 Vette was selected to be a part of their Gallery display at the three-day event. Each car is selected based on an application submitted by the owner. Each car in the display represents a restored or in my case, an unrestored original Vette for the different judged groups. Further, each Vette had to have been judged at a NCRS local, regional or national event and received a Top Flight ribbon.

So as plans changed, Brie and I brought up the '71 on Wednesday to load into the large tented structure on the Carlisle Fairgrounds. Each car was placed in position and roped off. The rules were that you had to park your car and not display anything else, pop the hood, or even access your Vette during the show to prevent any incidents or damage. You could only do a quick detail/cleaning first thing in the morning. Another requirement from the owner's was you were to staff the display and answer questions about the club and Cars.

The years representing started off with a 1953 and ended with a 2007. Each owner(s) was presented with a nicely engraved plaque. Lance Miller along with other Carlisle management were present for the ceremony and signed the plaques. I also had a calendar that my 71 was in for the C3 Vette Registry club signed by GM chief engineer Tadge Juechter and others. Also by Corvette royalty (Will Cooksey, John Lingenfelter, Peter Callaway, Mike Yager and Kevin McKay). The autograph session was conveniently next door to the tent!

If you don't know, here is a quick story about my 1971 Corvette. My dad back around 1965 had graduated from Syracuse University and my grandfather had offered him the 1953 DeSoto, but he wanted high horsepower car and got a '65 Grand Prix, then a '67 Corvette, then it was a '69 Bonneville. When 1971 arrived he got this Red C3 Vette with a 454 Big Block 4-speed coupe in March. What stopped the new car every two year's cycle was meeting my mother. My dad kept meticulous care of this Vette, but drove it during a few winters in Syracuse with snow tires. So the exterior and interior are all original with the chassis and engine bay in not so great shape, but 90% original still. Glad he kept his hands off the DeSoto and my grandfather was able to get it to the condition it is.

Brie spent time at the show "helping out" a plaque vendor next to our friends at the C3 Vette Registry club table taking photos of the cars in the show field that car owners could later purchase (I had our '71 photographed and got the plaque she helped to make). She met the C3 Registry club owner's daughter and they had a good time hanging out during the show and at the dinners we went to after each day.

I met two gentlemen from the Chicago area who came to the show in their modern Vettes who have You Tube channels. I was "interviewed" and made a part of their video of the Carlisle show.

If you have never been to a Carlisle event, please do. I started going in 2017 and we now go each year to visit with our friends and take in all the unique cars, displays, demos, flea market, etc.

-Rocky

Social Activities Report

Steve Lesser

Well, we have come to another successful year of events for the Mason Dixon Chapter.

- If you missed the Fall Dinner at Liberator's you missed a good time!
- A passing of the Chairmanship was announced from Gus Tsamouras to Mel Lorden.
- Andy Anders playing Beatles songs on his guitar.
- \$500.00 dollar check donated by JBA Cheverolet and all the wonderful prizes and gifts that were either given away or auctioned off.
- A \$800.00 dollar grill, a \$400 bicycle , \$300 guitar , a \$ 250 TV. Where all given away or auctioned off.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU GO HOME WITH!

So come to the next dinner and help support the Chapter and Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital!

If you came to the Timonium Fair Grounds December 2 or 3 you would have seen a mass display of our members Corvettes!

Look for your up coming 2024 calendar of events on your e- mail sometime in January or February.

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

1971 LS5 Carburetor Restoration Rocco Baldino - NCRS 63941

I finally got around to having my Rochester Quadrajets carburetor taken off my dad's 1971 LS5 and had it rebuilt by Able Automotive in Baltimore. Able came highly recommended by several Mason Dixon chapter members and only takes a few days to get the unit back.

The process was simple to remove by disconnecting the accelerator cable and choke spring coil. Then unbolting the four nuts. Able tore the carb down all the way to remove all the tarnish and reset it to factory settings.



Once I got the carb back, it was an easy reinstall by using the newly provided gasket. Secured the carb back on with the four nuts and reattached the accelerator cable and choke spring coil. A little adjusting of the carb with the help of Gus Tsamouras and others checked one vital thing off my list to keep my dad's car running and as original as possible. **JOB WELL DONE!!!!**

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KOMEDY CORNER

Daily Bloopers





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"I'm your anesthetist and he's my backup man."



"Try to relax."



"The results of your tests were negative. Get lost!"



"Butcher Harris is doing this one tomorrow morning."



"What are you hiding behind your back?"

Noah in the 21st Century

And we thought we had problems! If Noah had lived in the United States in the last ten years, the story may have gone something like this:

And the Lord spoke to Noah and said, "In one year, I am going to make it rain and cover the whole earth with water until all flesh is destroyed. But I want you to save the righteous people and two of every kind of living thing on earth. Therefore, I am commanding you to build an Ark." In fear and trembling, Noah took the plans and agreed to build the ark. "Remember," said the Lord, "you must complete the Ark and bring everything aboard in one year."

Exactly one year later, fierce storm clouds covered the earth and all the seas of the earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his front yard weeping. "Noah!" He shouted. "Where is the Ark?" "Lord, please forgive me," cried Noah. "I did my best, but there were big problems."

"First, I had to get a permit for construction, and your plans did not meet the building codes. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw the plans. Then I got into a fight with OSHA over whether or not the Ark needed a sprinkler system and approved floatation devices. Then, my neighbor objected, claiming I was violating zoning ordinances by building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city planning commission."

"Then, I had problems getting enough wood for the Ark because there was a ban on cutting trees to protect the Spotted Owl. I finally convinced the U.S. Forest Service that I really needed the wood to save the owls. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service won't let me take the 2 owls. The carpenters formed a union and went on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Relations Board before anyone would pick up a saw or hammer. Now, I have 16 carpenters on the Ark, but still no owls."

"When I started rounding up the other animals, an animal rights group sued me. They objected to me taking only two of each kind aboard. This suit is pending. Meanwhile, the EPA notified me that I could not complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the Universe. Then, the Army Corps of Engineers demanded a map of the proposed flood plain. I sent them a globe."

"Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that I am practicing discrimination by not taking atheists aboard. The IRS has seized my assets, claiming that I'm building the Ark in preparation to flee the country to avoid paying taxes. I just got a notice from the state that I owe them some kind of user tax and failed to register the Ark as a 'recreational water craft.' And finally, the ACLU got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the Ark, saying that since God is flooding the earth, it's a religious event and therefore unconstitutional. I really don't think I can finish the Ark for another five or six years."

Noah waited.

The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine, and the seas began to calm. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up hopefully, "You mean you're not going to destroy the earth, Lord?"

"No," He said sadly. "I don't have to. The government already has."

Bathroom Commode

The story is told of a lady who was rather old-fashioned, always quite delicate and elegant, especially in her language. She and her husband were planning a week's vacation in Florida, so she wrote to a particular campground asking for a reservation.

She wanted to make sure the campground was fully equipped, but didn't quite know how to ask about the toilet facilities. She just couldn't bring herself to write the word "toilet" in her letter. After much deliberation, she finally came up with the old-fashioned term BATHROOM COMMODOE. But when she wrote that down, she still thought she was being too forward. So she started all over again and rewrote the entire letter referring to the bathroom commode merely as the BC. "Does the campground have it's own BC?" is what she actually wrote.

Well, the campground owner wasn't old-fashioned at all, and when he got the letter, he just couldn't figure out what the woman was talking about. That BC business really stumped him.

After worrying about it for awhile, he showed the letter to several campers, but they couldn't imagine what the lady meant either. So the campground owner, finally coming to the conclusion that the lady must be asking about the local Baptist Church, sat down and wrote the following reply:

Dear Madam: I regret very much the delay in answering your letter, but I now take pleasure in informing you that a BC is located nine miles north of the campground and is capable of seating 250 people at one time. I admit it is quite a distance away, if you are in the habit of going regularly, but no doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along and make a day of it. They usually arrive early and stay late. It is such a beautiful facility and the acoustics are marvelous. Even the normal delivery sounds can be heard.

The last time my wife and I went was six years ago, and it was so crowded we had to stand up the whole time we were there. It may interest you to know that right now a supper is planned to raise money to buy more seats. They are going to hold it in the basement of the BC.

I would like to say it pains me very much not to be able to go more regularly, but it surely is no lack of desire on my part. As we grow old, it seems to be more of an effort, particularly in cold weather.

If you do decide to come down to our campground, perhaps I could go with you the first time you go, sit with you, and introduce you to all the other folks.

Remember, this is a friendly community.

Sincerely, Campground Owner

The Bridge

A man walking along a California beach was deep in prayer. All of a sudden he said out loud, "Lord, grant me one wish." Suddenly the sky clouded above his head, and in a booming voice the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over anytime I want to."

The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the logistics of that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you think would honor and glorify me."

The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside, what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say 'nothing,' and how I can make a woman truly happy."

After a few minutes God said, "You want two or four lanes on that bridge?"