



**MASON DIXON Blue and Gray
Spring / 2024**

- ~Member ~ National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS)
- ~ NCRS TOP FLIGHT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR ~ Former Winners for
Eighteen 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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Hello Fellow Mason Dixon Chapter Members!

For those of you that were not at the Chapter Fall Dinner, I would like to introduce myself. I am Mel Lorden and I'm the new Mason Dixon Chapter Chairman.

I'd like to thank Gus Tsamouras for his all his help and support during the transition as he steps down as Chairman. Gus has been a huge help in answering all my questions and assisting with Chapter Business. Also, a thank you to all the Chapter Board Members who have been very supportive in continuing their functions so the Chapter runs smoothly.

As spring and summer approach, I hope to meet as many of you as possible and hope you will continue to attend our outings, caravans, luncheons and dinners. As a reminder, our Spring Chapter Dinner will be held Saturday, April 13, 2024. Look for the flyer which will be sent out shortly.

As events are scheduled and added, we will contact you by email with dates, times and costs. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for events or outings, please let me or a board member know.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,
Mel Lorden, Chapter Chairman
Mason Dixon Chapter, NCRS

Vice Chairman's Report
Rick Aleshire

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

Well, a big old howdy to the Mason Dixon family from your new vice chairman! A heart felt **Thank You** to Jim Buckley and everyone who kept us up in the top spot for Chapter Of The Year Award for so many years! I hope everyone continues to provide support to Mel Lorden, our new chapter chairman, as well as the rest of the BoD.

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

REMEMBER – this is your Chapter and only succeeds with each and everyone providing the support!

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

Treasurer's Report
Ed Ranier

The current, adjusted balance, as of February 29, 2024 we had \$12,083.55 in the checking account. In addition, we invested \$10,000 into a one year CD on December 5, 2023. 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, January 24, 2024

Present:

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

- The Board met on January 24, 2024. It was attended by 9 Board members and 2 members. Our new Chairman, Mel Lorden, is checking on places for our spring dinner meeting.
- As of the time of this newsletter, Liberatores in Timonium has been reserved for Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Rick Aleshire and Gus Tsamouras are judging co-chairs until after the National when Gus will take over as Judging Chairman. The next judging will be on Sunday, April 7, 2024.

At the time of this Newsletter, the Chapter attended the European Luxury Performance car facility and then lunch at the Ashland Cafe on February 3, 2024. The Chapter attended, on March 2, 2024 TPC Racing in Jessup to tour the new racing car facility and then members went to Mel & Mickeys for lunch.

Upcoming events were discussed.

- March 23 Hershey Muscle Car Museum
- April 7 Judging at Ron Adams
- April 13 Spring Dinner Meeting
- July Mt. Washington Hospital donation event and lunch
- August 22-24 Corvettes at Carlisle

Social Media: Rocky Baldino said he keeps the website, calendar, and Facebook 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 3-11-2024, we have 96 Chapter members in good standing. Our newest members is Michael Pecilunas who joined 2-8-24. 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

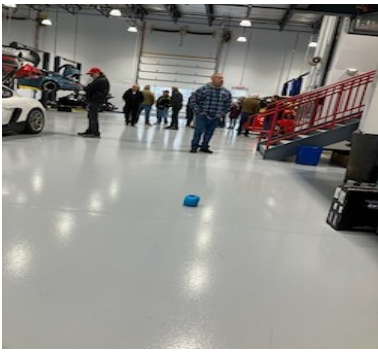
Judging Chairman's Report Rick Aleshire

Mason Dixon Chapter members ventured to Greg Connelly's house on January 28, 2024 to judge his 1963 after some extensive work required after the previous judging meet in 2023. The following pictures were provided by Rocco Baldino and Jim Buckley. CONGRATULATIONS on the Top Flight award!



On March 2, 2024 around twenty Mason Dixon members ventured to TPC Racing in Jessup, MD. Fellow member Michael Levitas is a former Porsche Gold Cup 2 and 3 champion and has been rebuilding Porsches for many customers over the years. He also has two racing teams that travel the racing circuit, and his son Harrison is extensively involved in the racing operations. The following pictures were provided by Jim Buckley.





The following personal story on a very unique Italian-designed automobile named Iso Grifo is offered by one of our very own Mason Dixon Chapter member – Chris Frederick, NCRS#45021.

I was reading your newsletter request and I thought you might get a kick out of an ISO Grifo I am working on. The short story behind these cars is GM supplied small and big blocks to the Italian refrigerator maker, Iso Rivolta to produce a luxury Italian sports car that could compete with Ferrari. Enzo's head engineer, Bizzzerini quit Enzo after creating the 1963 Ferrari GTO that just sold for \$51 million. Bizzzerini and Rivolta created 313 Iso Grifo's before GM demanded prepayment in 1973 when they were struggling. Most of the Corvette motors were 327 cu 300hp however a few 350 hp and 365 hp motors made it across the Atlantic.

I flew this 1966 across the Atlantic this January on a 747 which is completely restored with the original motor. The manifold and carb are incorrect so we found a correct date coded manifold and carb to replace it.



Social Activities Report Steve Lesser

The social calendar was full of winter activities that were indoors. Hope you were able to attend one or two. We are now getting into Corvette Season! The weather is getting warmer and daylight is longer. The board of Mason Dixon NCRS will be putting together an exciting list of events. LOOK FOR A FLYER IN YOUR E-MAIL.

REMEMBER:

- Judging event in April 7 at Ron Adam's Chevrolet
- Spring dinner meeting at Liberatore's in Timonium April 13

Now is the time to tune up, wax up, air up, and fill up all your fluids AND SHOW up FOR THE EVENTS!

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

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

Replace 1959 Windshield Gasket **Dirk Hoffman - NCRS 49148**

In 1971, I purchased my first and last Corvette, a 1959 model!

The only thing it needed to pass state inspection was a windshield. I took it to the local auto glass shop and \$108 later, I had a new windshield, nicely butchered and installed. They put a massive quantity of black caulk to fill the new gap between the windshield frame and the body. I was 20 years old with no regard for aesthetics, and obviously the glass shop didn't either. It leaked in the rain with the ill-fitting convertible top, but all Corvettes leaked in the rain, I was told.

The black lacquer paint was badly decomposing, so I got girls in bikinis to wet-sand the entire car. The windshield stayed on the car during the repaint and was simply taped and papered from the caulking to the header. Fresh coats of the original black lacquer were applied. Total cost \$250. The paint served me well, and it shined up nicely for almost 50 years.

When I would go to Corvettes at Carlisle and see all the freshly painted beauties, I realized how thin and anemic my paint job had become. The crowning blow was around 2020 when I covered the car for the winter and secured a plastic cover to the garage floor to keep the mice out. In the Spring, I removed the plastic and a wet car cover. All the beads of water on the paint were actually blisters, so the car was no better off than when I bought the sunbaked love-of-my-life in '71.

When you live in a time capsule for 50 years, sticker shock hits hard when pricing a new paint job. Prices started at \$20k and then you start down the rabbit hole of spending the money and not knowing when or where to stop!

A few things I can still do myself, so I thought I'd take on the replacement of the windshield gasket. I found Rich 5962's article on the Corvette Forum and used that as a guide for dis- and reassembly. I needed to have the posts rechromed along with other parts and that was my next "sticker-shock". The posts had to have the tabs rewelded as it was standard procedure to break them off when the glass shop removed the windshield according to the rechrome guru.

I got my new gasket lubed up and eased onto the windshield. This is going to be a piece of cake. But then you have to put the upper and lower channels on. The upper channel went on with a few fist bumps. The bottom channel was an exercise in frustration for a very long time. Rich5962 said to hit it with a rubber mallet, now REALLY hit it. So I grit my teeth, squint my eyes, and whack it a good shot! Nothing happened.

I probably tried that process over and over a couple dozen times, changing my approach angle slightly with each attempt. Each hit I fully expected the windshield to crack or shatter. It was winter. I was cold and getting nowhere.

"The Mother of Invention" kicked in. I'm an old woodshop teacher, and bar clamps were my tools of choice for any build. I went to Harbor Freight and bought a half dozen 24" bar clamps. I carefully clamped top channel to bottom channel and gently squeezed each bar clamp handle, working my way back and forth across the windshield. To my amazement the process worked and the gasket set into the channel without all the

hammering drama. After that success, the rest of the assembly went as well as can be expected when fitting rechromed parts into original stainless steel trim. It was a thrill when my sons lowered the completed windshield assembly back onto the car! **JOB WELL DONE!!!!**

The following two pictures tell the story!



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KOMEDY CORNER

Some Church Komedy!

What Would Jesus Drive?

Q: Did you know that they had automobiles in Jesus' time?

A: Yes, the Bible says that the disciples were all of one Accord.

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God's Creation

In the beginning, God created the earth and rested.

Then God created Man and rested.

Then God created Woman.

Since then, neither God nor Man has rested.

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Who Makes the Coffee?

A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that.

The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"

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Amen!

Q: Why do they say 'Amen' at the end of a prayer instead of 'Awomen'?

A: The same reason they sing Hymns instead of Hers!

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Going Down!!

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast.

He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?"

One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray."

"Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets - we're one short."

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Donation

Father O'Malley answers the phone. "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"

"It is."

"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"

"I can."

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

"I do."

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is."

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will."

A Child's Point of View!

The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman.

The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve.

Little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"

Sunday Funnies

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!"

As she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again.

As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late. But please don't shove me either!"

Little Angel!

Little Johnny's new baby brother was screaming up a storm.

Johnny asked his mom, "Where'd he come from?"

"He came from heaven, Johnny."

Johnny responded: "Wow! I can see why they threw him out!"

How to Get to Heaven?

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday School class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?"

"NO!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?"

Again, the answer was "NO!"

"Well," she continued, "then how can I get to heaven?"

In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!"

Helpful Prayer

Billy had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer.

"Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you."

"Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."

ROAD SIGN HUMOR!!!!

