



MASON DIXON Blue and Gray Spring & Summer / 2024

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Chairman’s Report
Mel Lorden

Hello Fellow Mason Dixon Chapter Members!

It’s hard to believe how fast the summer is flying by as July 4th is just around the corner.

Both the Smyth Jewelry Car Show and the annual caravan to Friendly Farms were successful. Thanks to everyone who participated. Please look for the upcoming flyer on our next event scheduled for Saturday, July 13 as the chapter visits the Mt. Washington Children’s Hospital as part of our yearly charitable donation. Lunch will follow at a destination to be determined.

Finally, as I mentioned in a previous email, the Chapter is searching for volunteers to be on the Social Committee. This is a great opportunity to put your ideas and talents to work to make the Chapter fun and exciting. Please let me or a board member know.

I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

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 vice chairman! I hope everyone continues to provide support to Mel Lorden, our new chapter chairman, as well as the rest of the BoD. We really do need the Mason Dixon family to really dig deep within yourself and step forward to help the BoD take control of our social activities! With Steve Lesser stepping down we really need everyone's input!

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 May 31, 2024 was \$11,124.43 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, May 1, 2024

Present:

Chairman – Mel Lorden Vice Chairman – Rick Aleshire Treasurer - Edward Ranier
Secretary - Rosemary Ranier Membership - Chair Glenn Gitschier Social Chair - Steve Lesser
Judging – Gus Tsamouras Historian - Jerry Blumenthal Member – Jim Buckley (by phone)

Treasurer: Edward Ranier reported that we have in the bank as of April 30, 2024 \$11,650.68 plus \$10,000, in a one year CD that expires 12/5/2024.

Membership: Glenn Gitschier reported that we now have 99 members

Judging: Ron Adams Spring meet on April 7, 2024. 11 cars were judged.
Discussion on whether we should raise the judging registration from \$85 to \$95 and lunches stay at \$10. Voted on and approved.

Social: Steve Lesser reported:
Saturday, April 27 caravan to Jarrettsville, MD for private collection of Callaway Corvettes, as well as other muscle cars and automotive memorabilia with lunch at Jarrettsville Grill afterwards
Saturday, May 4 we have 4 members signed up for Barry's Car Barn. Probably will cancel the event.
July 13 is the tentative date for the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital caravan and lunch
Saturday, June 8 the Smyth Jewelers car show
Saturday, June 15 is the caravan to and lunch at Friendly Farms.
August 22-24 Corvettes at Carlisle

Steve also, again, said that he wanted to step down as Social Chair but would work with the new chair or committee.

Gus Tsamouras reported that NCRS is celebrating their 50th anniversary at the convention in Hampton Roads, VA from August 4th through August 8th. There are currently 15 Mason Dixon members attending.

Finally, it is recommended we look around for other venues / restaurants for our dinners for a change.

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 6-20-24, we have 100 Chapters members in good standing. Our newest members are James and Mary Eichelman 3-14-24, Dennis and Jan Lombardo 3-28-24, Alan and Nancy Leigh 4-22-24, and John and Kris Louderback 6-10-24. 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 Gus Tsamouras / Rick Aleshire

Mason Dixon Chapter members hosted our annual Ron Adams Chevrolet Spring Judging Meet on April 7, 2024. The following pictures were provided by James and Jim Buckley. CONGRATULATIONS to Gary Gabransky; Bruce McCommons; Rich McKenzie; Dennis Metzger; Mike Pecilunas; on the Top Flight awards!!! Finally, a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Robert and Gail Veitch with the 1991 ZR1 Crossed Flags display!!!



On April 27, 2024 around twenty Mason Dixon members ventured to a private showing of an awesome Callaway collection in Jarrettsville, MD. The following pictures were provided by Rick Aleshire.



The following personal story on a very unique American-designed automobile is offered by one of our very own Mason Dixon Chapter member – Chuck Walker, NCRS#14742.

I was reading your newsletter request and I thought you might get a kick out of a 1963 Studebaker Avanti which I recently purchased! I have always wanted one of these since 1963! I got this one in Austin, TX, with 52,000 miles - all numbers match! It needs a lot of things replaced after 60 years of people trying to fix it, when they should not have been doing things they had no idea what they were doing! The VIN is R3-1234B which is Number 234 built on Sept 15, 1962!

The company forming the fiberglass is the same company that assembled the 1963 Corvette! Studebaker had the same problem Corvette had - the panels not fitting! This is one of the reasons Studebaker failed miserably! Lots of people wanted the car but Studebaker could not deliver. Mine is one that this company made before Studebaker started their own molding! By then it was too late!

Well it's not a Corvette but it is all fiberglass made with Corvette fiberglass! The Studebaker people have no idea what the "B" means. They say there are only 4 or 5 of them out there.



Social Activities Report Steve Lesser

Mason Dixon had a very successful road trip and caravan to Friendly Farms. Gus Tsamouras led the group thru the beautiful country side of Baltimore County. No one left hungry!

Coming up in July is the caravan and check presentation to Mt Washington Pediatric Hospital look for an e-mail with details

The National Corvette Convention is August 4-8 in Hampton Roads Virginia

This will be my last social activities report. I have resigned my position on the board effective immediately!
See you at the upcoming 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 or email any BoD member 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

2024 National Judging Retreat
Stephen Sherman - NCRS 67802

Although, not a traditional “technical article”, Mason Dixon (Gus and Rick) wanted to share a member’s recollection of the National Judging Retreat which was recently held in Texas. We believe this will be beneficial to Mason Dixon members, as well as the entire NCRS membership!

March 17, 2024

As my flight home from DFW passes through 10,000’ in altitude and the pilot has turned off the seatbelt light announcing that it’s ok to move about the cabin and take out laptops, I’ve pulled the iPad from my backpack to “pen” this personal reflection from the last few days attending the NCRS 2024 Judges’ Training Retreat in Grapevine, Texas – my first such event.

I’m a relative newbie to the Corvette owning/driving/fixing/restoring/socializing hobby. I acquired my ’72 LT-1 coupe over Labor Day weekend, 2021. In addition to having met a large number of friendly and enthusiastic chapter members in that time, I’ve also thus far had the dual privileges of attending 3 different chapter judging events (Mason Dixon and MAC chapters) and serving aside exceptionally skilled and experienced judges and team leaders as an observer judge on 4 C3s (2 of which were ’72 LT-1 coupes like mine). Prior to each judging event, I studied my copy of the ’70-’72 TIMJ to refamiliarize myself with the nuances of those Corvettes in the hope that I’d be assigned at least one to “judge”, I spent time over, in and under my own car delving into all of its nooks and crannies, warts and wrinkles.

Last week’s Judges’ Training Retreat took my NCRS judging knowledge and enthusiasm for the hobby to an entirely new level! Our class was comprised of 60+ attendees (a 2nd class of a few dozen attendees started a day later) in addition to numerous volunteer leaders and judging experts serving as instructors and mentors. We were presented with the opportunity to acquire detailed knowledge and skills of subject matter, judging/evaluation processes, event and judging etiquette and ethics that collectively could only be achieved during an immersive multi-day event such as this Retreat.

We converged on the Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center late in the day Thursday, March 14th to pick up our credentials and briefing packets (along with snazzy beige shirts with red NCRS embroidery); eager to get started early (very early in fact) Friday morning.

That first day was a 10-hour day of classroom instruction led by Corvette experts, many of whom are NCRS members nationally renowned for their encyclopedic knowledge of one or more Corvette models and subject areas of Corvette bits and bobs (paint, interiors, chassis, mechanicals, etc.) and NCRS judging experience on those subjects. Various new (at least new to me) words, phrases and concepts were introduced – DOI (distinctness of image), PV, Matrix Judging, CDCIF and more.

Saturday (the 2nd and final day of our retreat), another 10 hour day, was spent judging. Each attendee was paired up with a judging partner and assigned a different judging topic on 4 different cars (in my and my judging partner’s case a ’63 coupe, a ’67 coupe, a ’78 Pace Car and a ’92 ZR-1) – each, in its own right, a remarkable car and judgable example. Coincidentally, my judging partner, a 30+ year NCRS member, is a fellow C3 LT-1 owner. So, between judging sessions, we yacked it up about our mutual love of C3 LT-1 cars.

As part of each judging session, we were observed by a judging team lead and then had to present our findings and judging sheets to each car’s “owner” (role played by Retreat faculty). The judging day concluded with small group breakouts to reflect on our takeaways and learnings from the Retreat.

Speaking with many fellow Retreat attendees, some new to the hobby like me and others with decades of experience owning, restoring/maintaining, judging – I found broad agreement that the Retreat was time and money well-spent. On a personal level, while I still believe I have much more to learn, I do feel well-prepared now to do more than serve as an observer judge at a chapter event! I am confident that I could serve as an effective and helpful judging partner to a more experienced judge. Moreover, despite my personal affinity for chrome bumper C3 cars, I have a newfound appreciation and respect for myriad generations and model years of Corvettes and would find as much to enjoy about judging a solid axle car or a C6 as I would judging another ’72 LT-1. I also made a bunch of new friends as well!

Stephen Sherman Bethesda, MD NCRS #67802

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Replace Dash 1960 Corvette
Malcolm Taylor, NCRS#47029

Warren Pinney and I have just finished putting the dash in my 1960 Vette! Here are a couple of photos!

Amazing, the turn signals actually work!
Mac Taylor



KOMEDY CORNER

Things You Learn if You Live Long Enough.....

Nothing spoils a good story more than the arrival of an eye witness. (Mark Twain)
I finally realize why I look so bad in pictures. It's my face!
It only takes one slow-walking person in the grocery store to destroy the illusion that I'm a nice person.
I like to make lists. I also like to leave them laying on the kitchen counter, and then guess what's on the list when I am at the store.
A giraffe's coffee would be cold by the time it reached the bottom of its throat.! Ever think about that? No, you only think about yourself!
Ask your doctor if a drug with 32 pages of side-effects is bad for you!
I relabeled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack! ***I'm not in trouble yet, but the thyme is cumin!***
I just read a book about marriage that says treat your wife like you treated her on your first date! So tonight after dinner I'm dropping her off at her parent's house!
I love bacon! Sometimes, I eat it twice a day! It takes my mind off the terrible chest pains I keep getting!
As I watch this generation try to rewrite history, one thing I am sure of is that it will be misspelled and have no punctuation!
I asked a supermarket employee where they kept the canned peaches. He said, "I'll see," and walked away. I asked another and he also said, "I'll see," and walked away. In the end, I gave up and found them myself, in Aisle C!
I told my physical therapist that I broke my arm in two (2) places! He told me to stop going to those places!
I put our scale in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes!
When I was a kid, I used to watch the 'Wizard of Oz' and wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got Facebook!
Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think, "That can't be accurate!"
I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently! I have new ideas!
A guy walks into a lumberyard and asks for some 2x4s. The clerk asks, "How long do you need them?" The guy answers, "A long time! We're gonna build a house!"
I just burned 1,200 calories. I forgot the pizza in the oven!
Who knew that the hardest thing of being an adult is figuring out what to fix for dinner and doing it every single night for the rest of your life until you die?
I hate it when people act all intellectual and talk about Mozart, when they've never even seen one of his paintings!
Never trust an electrician with no eyebrows!
So my neighbor knocked on my front door at 3AM!!! Luckily I was already up playing the bagpipes!
Instead of cleaning my house, I just watch an episode of "The Hoarders," and think, "Wow! My house looks great!"

Good Explanation of Politics

A Russian Jew, was finally allowed to emigrate to Israel. At the Moscow airport, customs found a Lenin statue in his baggage and asked, "What is this?"

The man replied, "What is this? Wrong question comrade. You should have asked: Who is he? This is Comrade Lenin. He laid the foundations of socialism and created the future and prosperity of the Russian people. I am taking it with me as a memory of our dear hero."

The Russian customs officer let him go without further inspection.

At the Tel Aviv airport, the Israeli customs officer also asked our friend, "What is this?"

He replied, "What is this? Wrong question, Sir. You should be asking, 'Who is this?' This is Lenin, the bastard who caused me, a Jew, to leave Russia. I take this statue with me so I can curse him every day."

The Israeli customs officer said, "I apologize, Sir, you are cleared to go"

Settling into his new house, he put the statue on a table. To celebrate his immigration, he invited his friends and relatives to dinner.

One of his friends asked, "Who is this?"

He replied, "My dear friend, 'Who is this' is a wrong question. You should have asked, What is this? This is ten kilograms of solid gold that I managed to bring with me without paying any customs duty and tax."

MORAL

Politics is when you can tell the same crap in different ways to fool a different audience, to allow you to look good in every way.

POOF!!!!!!

Legend has it that there is a bar in New York where, in the Ladies' Room, there is a very special mirror. If one stands in front of the mirror and tells the truth, one is granted a wish. However, if one tells a lie, *POOF* you are instantly swallowed up by the mirror, never to be seen again.

A redhead of questionable looks walks into the Ladies Room and stands before the mirror and says, "I think I'm the most beautiful woman in the world!"

POOF The mirror swallows her.

Next, a rather large brunette stands before the mirror and says, "I think I think I'm the sexiest woman alive!"

POOF The mirror swallows her.

Then an absolutely gorgeous blond comes in and stands before the mirror and says, "I think..."

POOF

Modern technology at its best!.....

Walmart installed a medical kiosk, for \$10 and a urine sample, it would diagnose any condition. When my friend went with a sore elbow, the computer printout read: "You have tennis elbow. Soak it in warm water and avoid heavy work for 2 weeks". Impressed, my friend wondered if he could fool the machine.

He mixed tap water with dog crap, urine samples from his wife and daughter, and then pleased himself into the mixture. When he put the sample into the machine the next day, the printout read:

1. Your tap water is too hard. Use a softener.
2. Your dog has ringworm. Give it antibiotics.
3. Your daughter is on cocaine. Get her to rehab.
4. Your wife is expecting twins. Not yours! Get a lawyer!
5. If you keep playing with yourself, your ***king tennis elbow won't get better!
6. "Thank you for shopping at Walmart"

How to Maintain a Healthy Level of Insanity in RETIREMENT...

1. At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on, point a hair dryer at passing cars and watch them slow down!
2. On all your check stubs, write, "For Sexual Favors"
3. Skip down the street rather than walk, and see how many looks you get.
4. With a serious face, order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat.
5. Sing along at the opera!
6. When the money comes out of the ATM, scream 'I Won! I Won!'
7. When leaving the Zoo, start running towards the car park, yelling, 'Run For Your Lives! They're Loose!'
8. Tell your children over dinner, 'Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go....'
9. Pick up a box of condoms at the pharmacy, go to the counter and ask where the fitting room is.
10. Go to a large Department store's fitting room, drop your drawers to your ankles and yell out, "There's no paper in here!"

Military Smiles of the Day

One day the Department of Defense decided to take a poll to see how the different military branches handle a specific situation, in this case a scorpion is placed in a service member's tent. One representative from each branch is selected, and each answers privately.

The question was a simple one: "There is a scorpion in your tent – what do you do?"

ARMY - "I would crush it with my boot and throw it outside."

NAVY - "I would pick it up by the tail and throw it outside."

MARINES – "I'd bite it's head off before cooking and eating it."

AIR FORCE - "I'd call down to the front desk and ask why there is a tent in my hotel room."

Smile for the Day

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 A.M. by a loud knocking on the front door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunk stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance!" says the husband. "It's 3:00 A.M. in the morning!" And he returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asks the wife.

"Just some guy wanting a push," answers the husband.

"Did you help him?" asks the wife.

"No, I did not! It is 3:00 in the morning, and it is pouring out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory!" says the wife. "Can't you remember when the car broke down, and the two guys helped us? I think you should help him and be ashamed of yourself!"

The husband takes a deep breath, gets out of bed and gets dressed and goes out in the pouring rain. He calls out in the darkness, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes!" comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" asks the husband.

"Yes, please!" comes the answer in the dark.

“Where are you?” asks the husband.

“Over here on the swing set!” answers the drunk.

SIGN HUMOR!!!!

