

Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS

2023 Fall Chapter Judging School at John Kusmishin's Garage

John Kusmishin joined our chapter in April 2021 and shortly thereafter offered his facility to our chapter for a small judging school. The board thought it would be great because of the central location (near the Pittsburgh Zoo) and the quality of the facility. We finally worked the event into our calendar for 2023 and the date was finally here. John's place is a small part of a larger commercial trucking building and he has his own corner of the complex with a large garage door entrance. John's place has 3 lifts, multiple work tables and tool boxes and plenty of room for two judged corvettes and 3 display cars and 31 PTSC members to attend the judging school and then practice judging 2 cars. The cars judged were a 1965 roadster owned by John, and a 1972 LT1 coupe owned by Scott Cornish. Both cars were beautiful in their own right and both scored well in the judging. The '65 earned a top flight and the '72 earned a second flight.

Chairman Jim Patitucci started of the program by introducing John and having him give us a tour of the building and talk about his charity work: John explained his participation in a veteran support program to upgrade donated vehicles to running condition and present them to needy veterans in the Pittsburgh area. John and his son have been recognized for their efforts and several newspaper articles were posted on the walls of his garage. We all thanked him for his efforts in this area.

Next, Bob Stokes presented our judging school on the CDCIF process that we all love to hear about and utilize in judging. Now it was time to start judging the two cars.

Oh, I forgot to mention, I was hoping for 20 corvettes to be parked in John's lot, but we only got one brave soul, Jim Wainwright, because of the rain.

After a nice lunch, we finished the judging and presented the car owners with their ribbons. Jim Patitucci then presented John Kusmishin a framed thank you letter and chapter cooler thanking him for hosting this event.

This was another fun and informative event that was well attended. If you missed it, then we look forward to seeing more members at our Hubbard Chapter meet and our Annual Banquet.

Don Geary – Fall Event Coordinator