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"A sad day for our Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS and the Corvette Community"



On Thursday November 9, 2023 our beloved John DeGregory passed away peacefully with family at his side. John was a Charter member of our PTSC, a 5-time past Chairman, Vice Chairman and Events Chairperson. He was considered an institution not only in our chapter but for the NCRS as a whole. He was "THE" authority within the NCRS community for Rochester Fuel Injections. He was a great, kind and caring man of honor and faith. He always enjoyed helping others and was very generous in sharing his vast knowledge. All one needs to do is read all the posts on both the NCRS Discussion Board and the Corvette Forum to see how everyone felt about John. Ironically, on the day John passed we held our monthly board meeting. At the time he was still in the hospital. His son John Jr. came to our meeting to

give the board an update on his father's health. It was a perfect time for all the board members present to share their individual stories and memories they had of John D. John Jr. told the board that his father "loved the PTSC and all you guys, don't be sad, be happy and keep smiling! That's what he wanted me to tell all of you." Sadly, right before the meeting adjourned, he got a message from his sister telling him that his father had passed. It was almost as if John D. had planned for his son to be there representing him. We in the PTSC have certainly been privileged to have had him as our own all this time. He will certainly be missed! As we move forward, please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. *He was born on March 2, 1943 died Thursday November 9, 2023. John was 80 years old! JP*

Also in memoriam:

On Friday September 15, 2023 we lost another chapter member and past board member. Ronald A. Horak. He was born in Latrobe, Pa. He served in the National Guard and was a pilot for



Piedmont Airlines. Before retiring in 2013 he served for 22 years as a safety inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration. Ron was an avid Corvette enthusiast. He was the proud owner of his 1960 Corvette which our chapter had the opportunity to flight judge. He was a PTSC and NCRS member as well as a member of the Corvette Club of America. While on the PTSC board, he served for many years as the Youth Coordinator.

Let's all continue to keep Ron's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

He was born on April 29, 1947 died on Friday, September 15, 2023. Ron was 76 years old. JP

"Those who touch our lives, stay in our hearts forever."

Chairman's Message:



I am writing this just a few days after our Annual Holiday Banquet and General Membership Meeting at Rizzo's Restaurant. It was so nice to see everyone gather to celebrate another great year in the PTSC. Actually, it is our 33rd year. Sadly though, there was one member absent probably for the first time in those 33 years. That was John DeGregory. He passed away on November 9th. Organizing the holiday banquet was his pride and joy every year. Seeing everyone eating well and enjoying each other's company was what made him happy. It certainly seemed strange not seeing him, but we all still had a very nice time and that's the way he would have wanted it. We also lost another past board member back on Sept. 15th. Ron Horak. He served on the board as our Youth Coordinator.

We had a full slate of great events this year. Most notably, was our Regional in Altoona in June. The number of Corvettes registered to judge far surpassed our expectations and we probably had more than recent National Conventions and other Regionals up to that date. I am still hearing from fellow NCRS members about how nice our Regional was and what a great time they had. It was all due to great planning, getting sponsors and hard work by our board, chapter members and volunteers.

Our board has been working very hard to put together another great calendar of events for 2024. We have our annual chapter judging meet back on the schedule for 2024 on June 7-8th at the B&D Creekside Events Center, Latrobe. As well as our regular annual events; John Kuhn's Garage Latrobe, All Collector Auto, Bedford, the Annual Picnic in North Huntingdon, Chapter Judging Meet at Greenwood's Hubbard Chevrolet, Hubbard, Ohio and our Holiday Banquet at Rizzo's. Not to mention a couple road trips in May and up to Bradford, Pa. to the Zippo/Case Knife Museum on September 28-29th. Please see the Events Calendar on page 16 of this Newsletter for more info.

Finally, as I mentioned at the Banquet our board positions are all set for 2024. However, we need to start thinking about new members to fill the open positions that may open up in 2025. I'd like to see more people get involved with the chapter. Many of our current board members have been doing this for a very long time, because they want to make sure our PTSC continues well into the future and remains the Top Flight Chapter that it is. It was nice to see Brooke step up to fill the Vice Chairman's position last year. She'll move up to the Chairman's spot in 2025 if she decides to take it. If so, the Vice Chair position will definitely be open and need to be filled for 2025.

Our board meetings are open to any chapter member, so please feel free to attend so we get to know you. If you have questions about any of the board positions, their responsibilities are spelled out in our By-Laws in the back of our Membership Booklet. Remember, this is your chapter too! It takes all of us working together to keep it going strong! Hope to see you at one or all of our events in 2024.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jimmy Patitucci #60161



Judging Chairman's Message:



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Wow, what a full year we had. We had a wonderful well attended and well organized regional. Not every chapter can say that. We also had three judged meets with judging schools. One super tech session and judging school. Now, we can move into 2024.

We will have our first get together March 10th at John Kuhns dealership in Latrobe. Still putting the agenda together I'll make sure it's a good one, in the morning we will have a tech session (still planning), after lunch we'll have a one-point judging School. If anyone has topics, they'd like to be discussed please let me know I'll try to work them in. Then we move on to April 28th at Dylan Stahl's. All Collector Autos, in Bedford, for a two-car judged meet with judging school, with emphasis on judges training. We will need experienced judges to guide our less experienced judges and it's a wonderful time. Everybody learns a lot. Dylan goes out of his way to welcome us. Next, June 7th and 8th, we have our show at the B&D activity center in Latrobe. We will have a two-day event with a judging school, a 5 point meet for those interested in points and working towards Master judge awards. Please register early it tends to fill up with cars and we will need judges. Our next judging meet with a judging school, will be in Hubbard Ohio, October 19th and 20th, School agenda still to be decided but, it's always a fun time for everyone. It's a two-day 5-point event too. Our host is Greenwood's Hubbard Chevrolet with Steve Rotunno as the go to guy and he treats us like kings,

Please, as I always say anyone that wants their car judged enter it. You'll learn a lot about the car. Don't be so concerned with the award, be concerned about what you'll learn about the DNA of your car. Those that have previous judging experience and read the manuals, and know what to look for, we welcome those cars as well. Remember everyone is welcome regardless of the level of your car. Anyone who has any suggestions about judging school content or questions about car judging or anything else, keep in mind that I'm available, please call anytime!

On another note, I Finally got my 67-restoration painted. Now it is cut and buff time to bring out the shine. (which points are deducted for). I try to restore my cars to a high level, which when judged I expect points to be deducted. If you pay attention to being correct in other areas your car will I still judge well. Look closely at the picture below. How can you tell it's a 67 without seeing the rest of the car? (Answer on pg. 12). **Bill**



2023 Fall Chapter Judging School at John Kuzmishin's Garage

Write up: Don Geary

Photos: Don Geary, Jimmy Patitucci, Bob Stokes

John Kuzmishin 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 off 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. Here is a photo of John speaking to our group.



Newspaper article as posted in garage.



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.

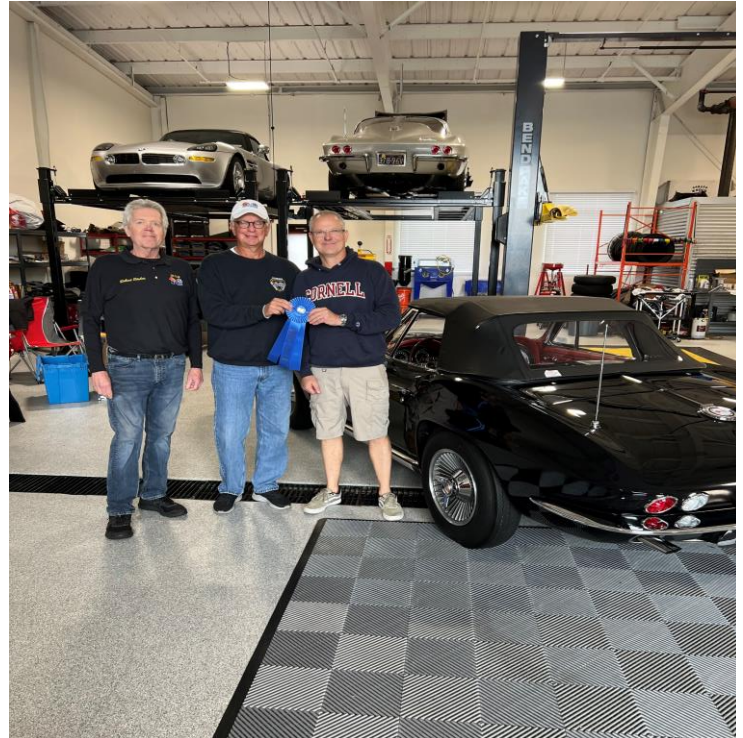
After a nice lunch, we finished the judging and presented the car owners with their ribbons. Jim Patitucci then presented John Kuzmishin a framed thank you letter and chapter cooler thanking him for hosting this event.

Don Geary: Fall Event Coordinator





Bob Stokes & I presenting John with his Top Flight Ribbon



Presenting Scott with his Second Flight Ribbon



Presenting John with the PTSC Event Host Appreciation Award & PTSC Cooler

Note: At our October BOD meeting the board agreed unanimously to give a one- time contribution in the amount of \$300 to John's son Sam Kuzmishin's non-profit **Drive On** in appreciation for hosting this event.

*PTSC Annual Fall Judging Meet and School at Greenwood's Hubbard Chevrolet,
Hubbard Ohio*

Write up: Jimmy Patitucci, Photos: Jimmy Patitucci, Bob Stokes, Bill Bryan

It was a rainy fall weekend this year for our annual two-day judging meet and school. Our host and chapter member Steve Rotunno opened up the dealership and showroom for us as he has done every year.

Originally, we had six Corvettes registered for Flight Judging which is a perfect number for the venue. However, due to various unforeseen circumstances three cars had to drop out. That left us with three very nice original Corvettes to judge.

1960-owned by Jim Madej



1967- owned by Ron Germadnik



1973-owned by Pete Smerechansky



*All three Corvettes earned a Top Flight
Ribbon !*

We also had two Sportsman displays. A 2000 owned by John Jeffries and a 2013 owned by Dan Laur.

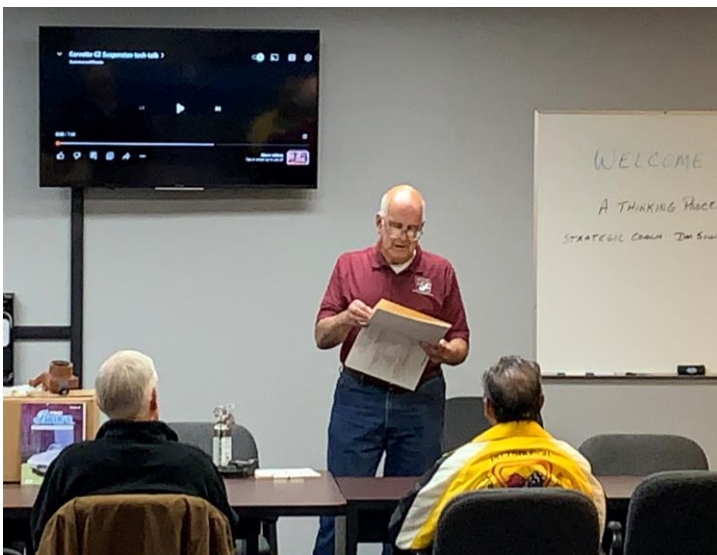


On Saturday before OPS judging, I held a brief October BOD meeting. Following operations judging, Bill Bryan led the judging school by discussing once again CDCIF and how to apply it during the judging process.

Next, he introduced our guest speaker Jason Mauro from Bair's Corvettes in

Linesville, Pa. Jason's presentation was on C2-C3 trailing arms and various other suspension parts that Bair's manufactures. He showed a brief video as well from back in the day on how to repair/replace various parts on the Corvette. He also had quite a few parts on display for everyone to take a closer look at.

Bill Bryan presenting at the judging school

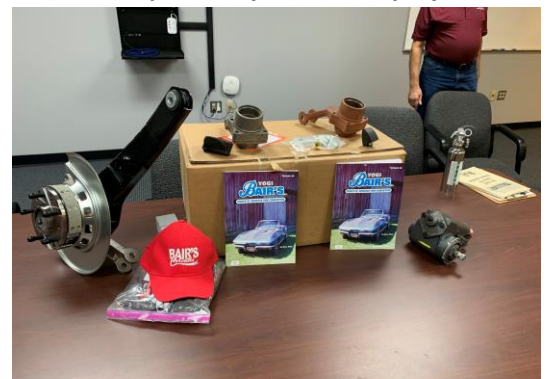


Jason Mauro from Bair's Corvettes



After the judging school we were all invited by Ken Jelley to have dinner at the *White Rose Spaghetti House* in nearby Masury, Ohio. This has certainly become one of the highlights of this event each year. Special thanks go out to the owner and staff at the restaurant for taking care of us as well as to Ken and Norma Pignanelli for arranging the dinner and especially thanks to Norma for bringing her delicious assortment of baked goods once again this year. Our PTSC chapter picks up the tab for this dinner each year.

Various suspension parts on display!



On Sunday we flight judged the three Corvettes, and then we had a great catered lunch of BBQ Pit Chicken and all the "fixins" courtesy of Steve Rotunno.

After the judging was completed, I handed out the awards. One of the awards was our PTSC special plaque thanking the sponsors who donated to our Altoona Regional. I presented it to Steve and those members from the Hubbard area who were in attendance.

Presentation of our Regional Sponsor Award (L-R) Tom Bell, Rick Hale, Dean Rice, Steve Rotunno & Me. Missing from the photo was Dennis Webber (Photo: Bill Bryan)



It's an awesome place to have an event and the dealership welcome's us with open arms each year. We certainly plan to be here again next fall. Thanks to everyone who made this event a success. ***Especially the car owners!!!*** "Remember, it's not just about the cars, it's about the people!" (Enjoy the following photos!)

Tabulators: Linda Neffield & Sandy Stokes



Registration: Jim Wainwright, Norm Neffield, Bob Cirilli



Ken & Norma with her baked goods at the White Rose!



Norma's table favors!



Bill talking to the judges & owners!



**Top Flight Awards (L-R) Jim Madej, Ron Germadnik, Pete Smerechansky
(Photo: Bob Stokes)**



Sportsman Awards: L-R John Jeffries, Dan Laur (Photo: Bob Stokes)



PTSC Membership News: Judy Geary

As of our December membership meeting, we have 125 members and 3 new members.

Congratulations!

Our PTSC board would like to congratulate David John Maloney for recently receiving one of the 2022-2023 NCRS Foundation Scholarships. David received the General Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.00. He was listed in the latest NCRS Driveline Magazine on page 3 along with all the other Foundation Scholarship winners.



David is in his sophomore year at Ashland College studying History & Political Science. He is the grandson of PTSC member Ken Jelley. #35642

Welcome new members!

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1960 Convertible

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1967 Convertible



Chapter dues are \$20.00 and renewed each June 1st. Make checks payable to: Pittsburgh Tri State Chapter, NCRS. Mail to: Judy Geary 117 Caldwell Drive, Jeanette, Pa. 154644. Dues can also be paid using PayPal.

*Keep in mind: **You must be an active paid-up member of the NCRS, Inc. to qualify for chapter membership. Please include your NCRS number when joining or renewing your chapter membership.***

Thank you!

“It Just Quits”

By: Bob Cirilli #37109

Last year while leaving a local car cruise my 65 Corvette just died. Nothing we could do would get it to start again so I called my local rollback driver and he transported it to a shop. Being late it was left on the truck until the next morning. Wouldn't you know that when they got ready to take it off of the truck it started for them? The mechanic checked everything he could and everything was intact and working perfectly.

I took the car home and did all the research that was available through friends and the NCRS web site. I came to the conclusion, by popular opinion that the main engine compartment wiring harness may be shorting out due to corrosion. That seemed to make sense because it was the original wiring in the car. It took several days of lightly soaking the harness connector before I could separate it from the fuse box. Eventually I got it, took it apart and sure enough lots of corrosion. I cleaned it, puts some lube on it and reassembled it. OK I should be home free. It was low on gas so I decided to travel about two miles from the house and get gas. Got the gas and headed out for a short drive. Guess what? It died again a half a mile after getting gas. OK I called AAA and an hour later the truck got to me.

Back at the house very frustrated. I couldn't find a problem so I asked for help from a friend that is a bit of an electrical expert. He checked out the entire wiring system and while he found a couple of short cuts that had been taken over the years, nothing seemed obvious that would have caused it to die. Then out of desperation he took the rotor cap off and had me turn the motor over. A little back story here; the car had been sitting for 20 + years before I bought it, it seemed to need a little extra spark so I had current electronic ignition installed. This was over two years prior to the first failure. While cranking the friend observed a slight scraping inside the rotor. It appeared the rotor may have been shorting out which would cause the car to shut off. We removed the distributor, which was a bit of a challenge on that 327 because of the basic design and came to this conclusion.

Apparently when you put current electronic ignition in this motor you have to remove it and shim the bottom so it cannot ride up. The installer must have bypassed that step because of the challenge of removing the distributor. My friend got a new kit and installed it the right way and Walla it now works. Just a short note to self, never short cut the instructions.

Hope others find this tech article helpful!

Robert D. Cirilli

***If You Can Read This Thank a teacher
If You Can Read This in English Thank a Soldier***



News from the NCRS

National Judging Retreat

One of the most popular events the NCRS holds is the National Judging Retreat. Dave Brigham and the judging office have put together another great program to be held at the Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center in Grapevine, Texas, on March 14 to 17, 2024. Just 3.6 miles from the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport.

This is a great learning experience and attendees may receive 20 judging points for the two-day sessions.

There are still openings for the second session and the registration and information is available on the website. [Registration is open](#) until December 15.



NCRS 50th Anniversary

2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the NCRS and a special celebration is being planned for the annual Convention, next year being held in Hampton Roads, Virginia. There will be a very special car display and other surprises planned.

Plan on attending and make your reservation early at the Embassy Suites Hotel attached to the Convention Center.

[Registration](#) opens on February 1st, 2024.

NCRS Foundation

The NCRS Foundation would like all Chapters and members to consider making a year-end contribution to the Foundation. Your contributions will support our scholarship program. Chapter donations are eligible for matching grants from the NCRS.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients, a list of whom can be found in the current issue of the Driveline magazine. The program to date has awarded \$295,000 in scholarships to members, their children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Help us to be able to pay it forward to our future members of the NCRS. Visit our website at ncrsfoundation.org

Answer To Bill Bryan's '67 question from page 2. The '67 is the only C2 that has the rectangular backup light lens above the license plate !

John Z. DeLorean's Daughter Planning C8 Corvette-Based Supercar



There's a new DeLorean headed this way, and it's based on the [mid-engine C8 Corvette](#). Set to launch from DeLorean Next Generation Motors, headed by Kathryn DeLorean, John Z.'s daughter, the new sports car will feature a new look, the iconic gullwing doors, and even some performance upgrades over the standard [Chevy](#) product. To sweeten the deal, pricing is expected to be relatively affordable, as well.



This article is from the GM Authority website. By: Jonathan Lopez. (Oct. 30, 2023) Photos:

Courtesy Angel Guerra, via Instagram (@angelguerradesign)

<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2023>

According to a recent report from [Hagerty](#), the mid-engine [C8 Corvette](#) was selected as the basis for the new DeLorean as the [C8 Corvette Stingray](#) is a vehicle that many people can aspire to own. For reference, the C8 Corvette Stingray has a starting price under the \$70,000 mark. But there's more sentimental reasons as well. Prior to launching DeLorean Motor Company in 1973, John Z. DeLorean worked at General Motors, including a stint as the head at Chevrolet between 1969 and 1972. During that time, Kathryn DeLorean says her father was pushing for the Corvette to adopt a mid-engine platform, a move also proposed by the so-called godfather of the [Chevy Corvette](#), Zora Arkus-Duntov. In fact, John Z. DeLorean even attempted to purchase the engineering behind the mid-engine Aerovette after leaving GM.

Fast forward to today, and Kathryn DeLorean says she aims to follow through on her father's aspirations, saying that the new mid-engine C8 Corvette "allows [her] to finish [her] dad's story."

"I'm building his dream car," Kathryn DeLorean tells [Hagerty](#).



For now, DeLorean Next Generation Motors only has a handful of renderings, but they certainly look promising. The pen behind the new images is Angel Guerra, who spent six years at Rimac, and suffice to say, the potential to create something truly inspiring is definitely there. DeLorean Next Generation Motors is also reportedly working with aftermarket performance builders to help bring the new sports car to market.

Whether or not the new fiberglass body kit will fit the high-performance [C8 Z06](#) or hybrid [C8 E-Ray](#) remains unknown, but either way, this could be one to watch.

REPLACING A C2/C3 CORVETTE WATER PUMP

By: Dave Kitch 33108

Following a drive in my 65 Corvette coupe, it started to leak water as I drove into my garage. The lower hose was leaking at the radiator connection. Since I was going to replace the lower hose anyway, I decided to replace the water pump. This was one of the few components that I had not rebuilt or replaced on the car.

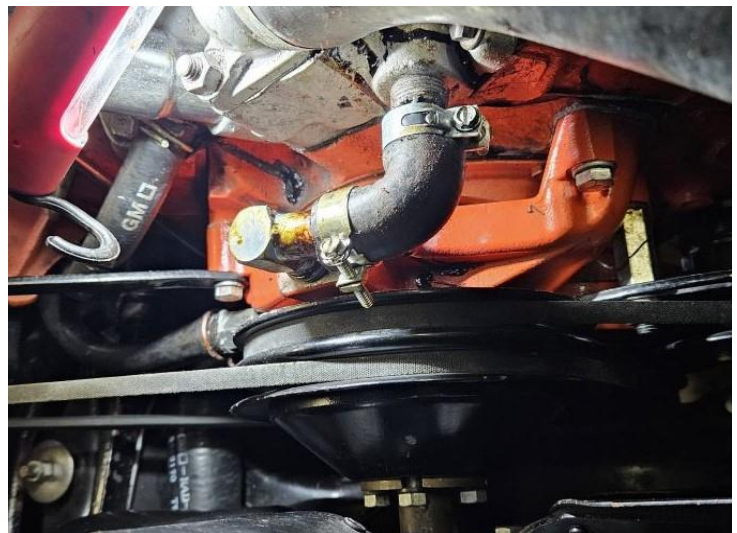
Key steps:

1. Make sure engine is cold and remove the radiator cap.
2. Open the petcock or radiator plug and drain the antifreeze
3. Loosen the alternator and inner belt adjuster and remove the fan belts.
4. Remove the fan clutch and fan assembly.
5. Remove the lower hose at the pump
6. Remove heater hose at pump
7. Remove Bypass hose (if engine has a bypass)
8. Remove the four 5/16 in bolts holding pump to block (my 327/365hp engine had one bolt holding the alternator bracket and one fastening the inner belt adjuster)
9. Clean the block at the gasket surfaces.
10. Remove pipe fittings screwed into the pump and clean.
11. Remove the fan pulley and check for shims behind the pulley.
12. I purchased a new pump at a NAPA store, cleaned and painted it. (**Fig.1**)

Fig. 1



The new pump should come with a special bypass reducer fitting that is a special $\frac{3}{4}$ fine PT that threads into the pump and accommodates the $\frac{5}{8}$ in NPT bypass elbow. This is a special fitting (**Fig2 below**).



13. I replaced both the bottom and bypass hoses.
14. So, I could complete the replacement by myself, I made four 5/16 in. guide bolts by cutting the heads off of bolts.(Fig.3 below)

Fig. 3 Guide bolt



15. Clean the water pump and block mating surfaces and install the guide bolts into the block.
16. I use Permatex Aviation sealer and coated the block surfaces, installed the gaskets over the guide pins and coated the water pump surfaces with sealer.
17. I installed the pump over the guide pins and began to remove one guide bolt or pin at a time and substituted the regular bolt until all four were installed. I torqued all four bolts to the required torque.
18. Prior to installing the pump, I installed the lower hose. This a bear. Be sure that you get the correct end connected. The hose should have an arrow pointing to the radiator side. It is easier if you lift the car to access the lower radiator connection and install and tighten the clamp.

19. Now the real fun begins with connecting the lower hose to the pump. I found that using a heat gun on the hose end softens it enough to slip it over the pump.

20. Working under the car helps as I had to carefully work the hose lip fully on to the pump flange.
21. Install the bypass hose elbow into the special fitting, again using a sealant on the threads. Tighten carefully.
22. Place sealant on the water pump bypass hole and tighten fitting assembly until it is at a right angle to the intake manifold fitting (Fig2)
23. Work the bypass hose over both fitting flanges and tighten the clamps.

Reassemble

1. Install the fan pulley on the pump hub and be sure the pulley does not rub against the pump. If rubbing occurs, add shims behind the pulley.
2. To help to install the awkward fan clutch and fan assembly **Fig.4**. I made short 5/16 in bolt guide pins and threaded them into the pump rotating flange
3. I installed the fan clutch over the guide pins and removed the guide pins one at a time, and inserted the four bolts.
4. Reinstall belts and adjust.
5. Add anti-freeze and check for leaks and start engine checking for leaks and tighten the pressure cap and again check for leaks.

Dave Kitch

Fig.4 Fan/Clutch assembly





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Did you know that the first use of an aluminum frame in Corvettes was on the 2006 Z06 model and was exclusive to Z06/ZR1 through the sixth generation?

PTSC 2024 Events Calendar

*March 10th Sunday...Judging Seminar- John Kuhn's
Garage
Latrobe, Pa.

Coordinators: Bill Bryan/John Kuhns

*April 28th Sunday...Judging Meet & School – All
Collector Auto, Bedford, Pa.

Coordinator: Bill Bryan

*May 19th Sunday (Tentative) Spring Road Tour to
Breezewood, Pa. Engine Shop & Bedford Springs.

Coordinator: Mike Bucheit

***June 7th-8th Friday & Saturday...Annual Chapter
Judged Meet**

B&D Creekside Event Center, Latrobe, Pa.

Coordinators: Bill Bryan/Don Geary

*August 4th-8th Sunday- Thursday...NCRS National
Convention
Hampton Roads, VA.

*August 11th Sunday...Annual Picnic/Membership
Mtg.

Indian Lake Park, North Huntingdon, Pa.

Coordinators: Paul DiSanto & Frank Gavron

*September 28th -29th Sat.& Sun... Fall Road Tour
Zippo/Case Knife Museum, Bradford, Pa.

Coordinator: Michael Bucheit

*October 19th & 20th Sat. & Sun...Chapter Judged
Meet

Greenwood's Hubbard Chevrolet, Hubbard, Ohio

Coordinators: Bill Bryan/Ken Jelley

Dec. 1st Sunday...Holiday Banquet/Membership Mtg.
Rizzo's Malabar Inn, Crabtree, Pa.

Coordinator: Don Geary

**Check our website Events Calendar frequently for
update...*

***All events subject to change at Board's Discretion!**



GM News

C8 Stingray-New for 2024

- Riptide Blue Metallic, Cacti Green, & Sea Wolf Gray Tintcoat (extra cost) exterior colors (includes the ZO6)
- Power hood pull-down (includes ZO6)
- Two new wheel designs
- Five new accent-color choices for the optional dual racing stripes (includes ZO6)
- Artemis interior with green accents (includes ZO6)
- Available coupe and convertible engine-appearance Packages (includes ZO6)
- Available LT2 engine cover in Edge Red or Sterling Silver
- Standard Following Distance Indicator, Forward Collision Alert, Lane Keep Assist with Lane Departure Warning, IntelliBeam auto high-beam Headlights, Automatic Emergency Braking, and Front Pedestrian and Bicyclist Braking (includes ZO6)
- Standard Rear Camera Mirror on all trim levels (includes ZO6)
- Performance Data Recorder now available with 1LT Trim

While the Corvette’s “waterfall of buttons” center- console treatment sticks around for another year, rumor has it that this unloved design feature could be replaced with a more traditional console for “25. In the meantime, it’s nice to see that Chevy is continuing to lavish attention on the base Stingray, even as the pricier C8 models steal some of the spotlight.

**Corvette Magazine January 2024*

NCM Inducts 2023 HOF Class

On September 2nd the National Corvette Museum inducted three new Hall of Fame members during a ceremony in Bowling Green.

David Wickman (GM/Chevrolet Category)

Vehicle performance Manager, Milford Proving Grounds (retired). His work on Corvette started with his appointment as Test Engineer for the launch of the C4. He went on to manage activities at the Milford Proving Grounds as the Lead Development Engineer for the C5 ZO6,C6 and C7.

John Amgwert (Enthusiast Category)

NCRS Founding Member

Amgwert was one of a group of enthusiasts who founded the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) in 1974. He edited the Corvette Restorer magazine and was instrumental in building a technical library that ultimately led to the creation of NCM.

Dan Binks (Racing Category)

Corvette Racing Crew (retired)

During his nearly 20-year stint with Corvette Racing the team scored more than 100 race victories, including six class wins in the 24 Hours of Sebring. Since his retirement in 2022, he has run a restoration, race-prep, and engine building shop in Brighton, Michigan.





2023 PTSC 33rd Annual Holiday Banquet

Write-up: Don Geary Photos: Jimmy Patitucci & Don Geary



Our 33rd annual chapter membership banquet was held at Rizzo's Malabar Inn on Dec 3rd. We had an attendance of 45 members and a great time was had by all. The food and service were excellent as always and we plan to be back here next year as well.



Our chairman, Jimmy Patitucci, welcomed all the attendees at the start of the event and said grace before we stated the meal. We had a moment of silence for the two members we lost this year, Ron Horak and John DeGregory. When this sad moment was over, we decided to enjoy the rest of the afternoon with fellow members as these two guys would have wanted.

The empty table setting in memory John DeGregory with a glass of his favorite drink Grand Marnier!



We piled up the toys that everybody brought for our donation to the Toys-for-Tots charity program, on the side table and Dave Kitch thanked everybody for our donation. Dave and Bridget took the toys to the donation center after the dinner. Thanks goes out to Dave and our previous Toys-for-Tots program director George Whipkey who was also in attendance. Dave estimated the total dollar amount of the toys donated at around \$1000.00. (See photos on next page!)



Dave & Bridget Kitch with the Toys for Tots donations.



Dave & George Whipkey



Jimmy conducted a short meeting after the dinner.

- Jim talked about our 2023 events and our upcoming 2024 events and we have a full docket of events every year.
- He recognized the board members and other members who worked so hard this year on all our events and the regional. Our overall financials are strong and we owe our strong financial regional performance to the number of sponsors that Mike Bucheit brought in. Norm Neffield our Treasurer, had the huge task of tracking the over \$50k gross income that the regional generated, along with all the other annual financials. Overall, everybody did their part.
- Jimmy noted that we have a core group on the board that have worked to make our chapter a success but we want more members to move into board positions for the future. All of our 2024 board positions are full, but there is still room for members to get more involved.
- Jim recognized two members with service pins: Jim Wainwright – Secretary and Don Geary for Regional Chairman.
- We have 125 active chapter members and Jim reminded us all to make sure we update our info with Judy Geary because the annual rosters will be printed and distributed in early January. Also make sure your info is updated on your national profile as well. And remember, you have to keep your national dues current to be a member of our chapter.



“Enjoy the photos from the Banquet on the next few pages!”

Thanks to everybody who attended, we had a great time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. **Don Geary**



John's jacket was the hit of the party!





John & Paul getting ready for the 50/50 drawing!



Our 2024 Chapter Board Members. Dave Kitch & Jim Wainwright are absent from the photo!



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RPM Editor's Message:

*I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our
newsletter in 2023 with your Tech Articles, My Corvette
Stories, Special Interest Stories and Classified Ads.
Have a very happy and safe holiday season & Happy New
Year! JP*

NCRS Gallery Corvettes @ Carlisle 2024

Announcement



NCRS Chapter Chairman, Pittsburg Tri-State NCRS

The NCRS Gallery is looking for several beautiful Corvettes from 1953 to 2007 that have received a flight award to be displayed in the NCRS Gallery at Corvettes at Carlisle, 2024 and future Galleries. Please encourage your chapter members to consider and fill out the attached application and send it in for consideration. We will be making our decision for the participants in early April and we will notify them. Please include this request in your upcoming meetings and newsletters. We are looking forward to another great show this year and we are asking for your help.

This is a fanatic show, it is a great way to show off our cars and to bring awareness to the NCRS. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at TDRcoupe@aol.com. This year's show is August 22 – 24, 2024. (Set up day is Wednesday, August 21)

Thanks for your assistance.

Frank Stech and Tim Raisner

Co-Chairs of the Gallery at Corvettes at Carlisle.

Delaware Valley NCRS Chapter



Gallery one page application form 20

**Applications can also be found in the Driveline!*

NCRS Calendar of Events 2024

Florida Regional Jan. 17-20 Melbourne, Fla.

Southern California Regional April 11-13

Las Vegas Nevada

Heartland Regional May 2-4 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

New England Regional May 31- June 1

Marlborough, Massachusetts

NCRS National Convention August 4-8

Hampton Roads, Virginia

Texas Regional October 24-26

Frisco, Texas

You can also check the NCRS online calendar at

www.NCRS.org/services/coming-events.php

Annual Cost for Newsletter Business Ads

\$20.00 for a Business Card

\$40.00 for ¼ page ad

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Charges are due each quarter.

Ads should be emailed to the editor Jimmy

Patitucci at jppat@breezeline.net

Checks should be mailed to the following



address:

Box 92 McClellandtown, Pa. 15458

Payment must be received by the middle of the month the Newsletter is published in order to have your ad inserted.



**PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER NCRS
TECH SEMINAR AND JUDGING SCHOOL**

	<p align="center">SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2024 9:00AM-2:00 PM</p>	
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Location: John Kuhns' Garage
4728 State Route 982
Latrobe, PA 15650 412-554-3321

Directions:

- If traveling East or West on Route 30 from Ligonier or Greensburg, merge onto PA--982 North towards Bradenville. 1.3 miles from SR #30.
- If traveling on RT 22, take 981 South into Latrobe and turn left onto Lincoln Ave. Turn left onto PA--982 Hillview Ave. Building is on the right.

Cost: \$15.00/person

Includes Registration, Coffee, Donuts, Lunch

Agenda:

8:30	Coffee/Donuts
9:00	Corvette Presentation TBD
10:00	Restoration tips and examples
12:00	Catered Lunch
1:00	Judging School – Bill Bryan (1 Judging Point)
2:00	Adjourn

Mail forms and Check payable to: Pittsburgh Tri--State Chapter NCRS
John Kuhns, 2339 Raymond Ave, Latrobe, PA 15650

-OR- email John at threekcabinets@threekcabinets.net and pay by paypal on our Ncrspitt.com website on the Events page

REGISTER NO LATER THAN March 6, 2024 so we can get accurate numbers
for the Caterer

Name: _____

Phone: _____ NCRS# _____

I AGREE to insure my vehicle and property against loss, damage and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at time of registration. I AGREE to assume risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, it's officers, directors, agents, employees, chapters and meet workers for any acts or omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others occurring during, or as a consequence of this event, wherever located. I AGREE to abide by the NCRS Policy on Drugs and Alcohol (revised 2006). The use of drugs or alcohol by anyone attending an NCRS event including NCRS members, family members, guests, and vendors is prohibited while participating in any driving tests and/or road tours.



PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER JUDGING SCHOOL
WWW.NCRSPITT.COM
Sunday April 28, 2024 – Two Car Limit
All Collector Autos LLC (formally Valley Auto) 5624 Business 220, Bedford Pa 15522

NCRS Membership Number: _____ (Registration Will Not Be Accepted Without Your NCRS Number)
 Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____ Chapter Affiliation: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____

❖ **EVENT SCHEDULE – SUNDAY APR 28, 2024** ❖

8:30 Registration, coffee, tour of facility	12:00 Lunch
9:00 Presentation	1:00 Judging School (Bryan)
9:30 Flight Judging	2:30 Awards

******* BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR **All NCRS COVID-19 RULES APPLY*******

❖ **EVENT REGISTRATION** (Please Check and Complete Requested Items and Amounts) ❖

Registration fee per person = Judge/Owner/Spectator (Includes Lunch)\$10\$ _____
 Flight Judging Car Entry\$75\$ _____
TOTAL\$ _____

❖ **JUDGING PARTICIPATION** ❖

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN JUDGES TRAINING AND JUDGING THE CARS IN THE EVENT.

❖ **CAR ENTRY PARTICIPATION WILL BE LIMITED** ❖

Year: _____ Coupe/Convertible Engine HP: _____ VIN: _____
 Ext Color _____ Paint Code _____ Int. Color _____ Trim Code _____ Int. Fabric _____ Build Date _____
 Insurance Co: _____ Policy #: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____

Flight Judging Entries: Please send copies of your owner and insurance cards with this registration form.

I agree to insure my vehicle(s) and property against loss, damage and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at the time of registration. I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and chapters for any acts or omissions that may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others during or as a consequence of this event, wherever located. I agree to the terms and conditions of the NCRS Drugs and Alcohol Policy, and the NCRS COVID-19 Policy.

I agree with the current version of the Hold Harmless document found at <http://www.ncrs.org/home/hold-harmless.php>.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Make checks payable to: Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS – Registration must be postmarked by April 22, 2024

Send to: Bill Bryan 410 Mile Hill Rd, Duncansville, PA 16635
e-mail: crosskeystv@yahoo.com Note: "NCRS" in subject line when e-mailing
Phone: 814-931-9101 Note: please leave a message

Meet Chairman: Jim Patitucci Phone: 412-582-0951 email: jipat@breezeline.net Note: "NCRS" in subject line
Judging Chairman: Bill Bryan Phone: 814-931-9101 e-mail: crosskeystv@yahoo.com Note: "NCRS" in subject line

NOTE: This is a mini-meet and Judges training session for increasing the judging knowledge of our members. Full judging points and flight awards will be earned by participants at the meet.



PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER MEET
WWW.NCRSPITT.COM
Fri., June 7 & Sat., June 8, 2024 – ALL CORVETTES INDOORS
B & D Creekside Activity Center, 501 Avenue B, Latrobe, PA 15650

NCRS Membership Number: _____ **5 judging points given for both days participation**
 Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____ Chapter Affiliation: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____@_____.

❖ **EVENT SCHEDULE – FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024** ❖

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM REGISTRATION AND OPS JUDGING – 7:00 PM JUDGING SCHOOL

❖ **SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024** ❖

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM Registration & Ops judging – 9:00 AM Owners and Judges Meeting – 12:00 PM Lunch

9:15 AM – 3:00 PM Flight Judging – 3:30 PM Awards – Note: Cars Must Be OPS Judged Before Entry

❖ **EVENT REGISTRATION (Please Check and Complete Requested Items and Amounts)** ❖

- Registration fee: per person; e.g., Owner/Judge/Tabulator/Spectator (Includes Lunch).....\$10\$ _____
- Flight Judging Car Entry.....Trailer Parking free.....\$65 if ONLINE\$75\$ _____
- Concours Judging Car Entry.....Trailer Parking free.....\$50\$ _____
- Late Fee for Judged **Car** Entries (if Postmarked after 06/01/2024).....\$30\$ _____
- Sportsman Display.....Without Ribbon \$10 – **OR** – With Ribbon\$20\$ _____
- Bowtie/Duntov/McLellan/Hill or Special Interest Display.....\$ 0\$ N/C
- Join or Renew Pittsburgh Chapter Membership\$20\$ _____
- TOTAL**\$ _____

❖ **JUDGING PARTICIPATION** ❖

Yes I would like to Flight Judge as follows...

1st Preference...

2nd Preference...

Year	As Needed	OPS	INT	EXT	ENG	Chassis

Judging Level __ – or – Don't Know

I would like to tabulate

I would like to be an Observer Judge

❖ **CAR ENTRY PARTICIPATION** ❖ *Limit 4 cars per class.*

Year _____ Coupe /Conv. Engine HP _____ VIN _____ Body # _____ (63-67)
 Ext Color _____ Paint Code _____ Int. Color _____ Trim Code _____ Int. Fabric _____ Build Date _____
 Insurance Co _____ Policy # _____ Exp. Date ____ / ____ / ____

Include copies of your owner and insurance cards with this registration form.

I agree to insure my vehicle(s) and property against loss, damage and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at the time of registration. I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and chapters for any acts or omissions that may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others during or as a consequence of this event, wherever located. I agree to the terms and conditions of the NCRS Drugs and Alcohol Policy, and the NCRS COVID-19 Policy.

I agree with the current version of the Hold Harmless document found at <http://www.ncrs.org/home/hold-harmless.php>.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____


Make checks payable to: Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS. Must be postmarked by June 1, 2024 to avoid a late fee.

Meet Chairman: Don Geary Phone: 724-875-7749 or digeary@comcast.net

Judging Chairman: Bill Bryan Phone: 814-931-9101 or crosskeystv@yahoo.com

REGISTER ONLINE FOR A DISCOUNTED PRICE www.ncrs.org OR SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Bill Bryan, 410 Mile Hill Rd, Duncansville, Pa 16635.

Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter Membership Application Please Print				
Name:		Spouse's Name:		
Street Address:				
City:		State:	Zip:	
Email Address:				
NCRS Membership #:		Home Phone:		
NCRS Member Since:		Cell Phone:		
Jr member #1's Name:		Jr member #2's Name:		
Corvettes (additional on back)		1.		
2.		3.		
List additional on back				
How did you hear about the Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter?				
Would you be willing to assist in any of these events? Please check box:				
Judging	Newsletter	Events	Membership	Other
Please describe any talents or abilities that you may contribute to the success of our chapter.				
You must be an active member of the NCRS, Inc. to qualify for chapter membership and please include NCRS number on this application. Chapter dues are \$20 payable upon application and renewed each June 1.				
Make checks payable to: Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter, NCRS Mail to: Judy Geary 117 Caldwell Dr Jeannette, PA 15644				
Signature:		Date:		
Direct any questions to Judy Geary at 724-834-5586 or email at gearyjt@comcast.net				

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*The PTSC Board would like to wish
everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and
a Healthy & Safe New Year!!!*