



RPM Newsletter Winter 2017



2018 Schedule of Events

- March 4(Sun) Judging Seminar at John Kuhn's Garage,
Latrobe, PA.
Coordinator: John Kuhns, Bill Bryan
- April 29(Sun) Chapter Mini-Judged Meet at Dave Stahl's,
Bedford, PA
Coordinator: Bill Bryan, Paul DiSanto
- May 19(Sat) Technical Seminar at Weimann's Interiors,
Delmont, PA
Coordinator: Dave Kitch
- June 9(Sat) Chapter Meet at B&D Activity Center,
Latrobe, PA
Coordinator: Paul DiSanto
Registration: Jim Wainwright
Judging: Bill Bryan
- Aug 12(Sun) Annual Picnic at Indian Lake Park,
North Huntingdon, PA
Coordinator: Paul DiSanto & Frank Gavron
- Sept 16(Sun) Fall Road Tour at Coolspring Power Museum,
Coolspring, PA
Coordinator: TBA
- Oct 14(Sun) Mini Meet/Tech Seminar at Greenwood Chevy,
Hubbard, OH off I-80
Coordinator: Bill Bryan & Ken Jelley
- Dec 9(Sun) Christmas Banquet: Location TBD 2:00 PM
Coordinator: Paul DiSanto and John DeGregory

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Chairman's message

By Don Geary

As I write this message it is New Year's eve and I hope everybody had a great holiday season. We are looking ahead to the new year, if we can only get through this COLD weather !

We had a wonderful Christmas banquet at Rizzo's restaurant this year and the food was good as always and the friends were even better. If you missed it, you missed a good one; the weather even cooperated for a change. I recognized several individuals during the banquet this year for their above expectations help at the PA Regional in August:

Frank Gavron for his stepping up and taking charge of the trailer parking
 Jim Wainwright for helping with registration
 Jim Patitucci for taking charge of Apparel for the event
 Norm Neffield for taking charge of Finances for the year and the regional
 Mike Bucheit for the fundraising efforts.

Without these guys and the rest of our members who helped at the regional we would not have been able to pull off an event of this magnitude. I also have a special thanks for the Tabulators who worked for three days straight in a back room to pull together all the score sheets so everybody can be recognized at the end of the event.

Looking ahead to 2018 we have another slate of events to be proud of:

March – Technical seminar and Judging School
 April – Mini-Judged meet
 May – Technical Seminar
 June – Chapter Judged meet
 August – Annual picnic (moved from Sept)
 Sept – Road trip and tour of car museum
 Oct - Mini-judged meet
 Dec – Annual banquet

Please see the website and our annual roster for the details of these events. You should be receiving our annual roster booklets in Mid-January this year due to a re-write of the chapter By-laws.

Here's wishing everybody a Happy and safe New Year. Hope to see you at our events.

Fall Judging School

“Matching Numbers”- What does it mean?

If you were one of the 29 attendees at the PTSC Fall Technical Training Session on Saturday October 14th at Mike Bucheit's garage you would know the answer to that question. Mike discussed the term “numbers matching” in great detail during his two hour power point presentation. He also touched on the legalities of a re-stamped engine. The group was given an opportunity to participate in hands on activities looking at various corvette parts to determine the date codes and part numbers. Mike provided each person with a very detailed booklet on the topics discussed.

Following a great catered luncheon our guest speaker Bob Baird, a member of the MAC chapter spoke about the differences of grades/grit of sandpaper. Specifically “P” paper which is made in Europe. His point was that even though sandpaper may have the same grit number, the coarseness can be different because of where it was manufactured. He also spoke to us about the “CERV1- Hobby Horse” early fuel injection system built for the corvette experimental racing vehicles. He had the prized “hobby horse” fuel injection there for all to examine in person. We also had the opportunity to do a side-by-side comparison to a later corvette fuel injection system brought by our own John DeGregory for display. Later during the afternoon session we were able to compare original parts to service replacements and reproduction parts.

Overall it was really a great learning experience for everyone. It was a beautiful fall day weather wise and it was nice to see at least seven members brought out their corvettes to the event. One specific corvette was brought by Mr. Fred Gunter. He shared his really nice original Leman's Blue 1969 coupe. Fred is now our newest chapter member!

The chapter would especially like to thank Mike Bucheit for letting us use his garage for the event, for his presentation/materials and for coordinating the event. Also, thanks to our judging chairman, Bill Bryan for arranging our guest speaker Bob Baird.

Don Geary closed the session by thanking all those who attended especially the members from the Shenango Valley Chapter and MAC Chapter member Bob Baird and his wife for making the long trip to attend and present at our event.

(article by Jim Patitucci)



2017 PTSC ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

By Jim Patituucci

Well, another year has quickly passed us by in the Pittsburgh Tri State Chapter NCRS and what a busy year it was. To celebrate the year our chapter held its' annual holiday banquet and general membership meeting. This years' meeting was held at Rizzo's Malabar Restaurant in Crabtree. The 30 members who attended were treated to a fantastic dinner. As with all chapter events the food is always great. The reason for this is due to the hard work and efforts of John DeGregory and Paul DiSanto. Members had plenty of time before and during dinner to socialize and catch up with friends, while watching a slide show presentation of photos from the Regional.

Chairman, Don Geary welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He also thanked them for their help and support to the chapter throughout the year at all our events, and especially for helping with the Regional Judging Event held in Altoona this August. After dinner Don briefly reviewed the years' events and also discussed the events planned for next year. He also noted that the annual directory was delayed because of the Bylaws vote, but said it will be mailed out to all members in the very near future. If any members not attending the banquet have any changes that they would like included in next years' directory, please contact Judy Geary as soon as possible with your information.

Don also recognized the following chapter members for their hard work and contributions at the Regional, with his Chairman's Award:

Mike Bucheit – Advertising/Fund Raising/Sponsors
Frank Gavron – Parking
Norm Neffied – Finance/Paypal
Jim Wainwright- Registration/Registration Packets/Name Tags
Jimmy Patituucci- Apparel

The members present also voted unanimously to approve the changes/amendments to the Bylaws.

Most importantly all those in attendance were asked to bring either a Toy valued at \$25.00 or a monetary donation in the same amount for our area TOYS FOR TOTS. Dave Kitch, the coordinator for this spoke briefly about the Toys For Tots Program and how important it is for our areas' children in need during this Holiday Season.

A great time was had by all! We hope to see you at one of our monthly meeting or chapter events during 2018. Your input into chapter events is always welcome and appreciated.

May you all have a very healthy and happy holiday season with your families. We wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.








The 2017 Regional Shirts are
FOR SALE in limited quantity .
. Please contact Jim Patitucci at:
412-582-0951
T shirt \$10
Polo \$25



PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER NCRS

JUDGING SEMINAR

	SUNDAY MARCH 4, 2018 9:00AM-2:00 PM	
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Location: John Kuhns' Garage
 2339 Raymond Ave.
 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. Turn right onto Raymond Ave.
 - If traveling East from Monroeville on RT 22, take 981 South into Latrobe and turn left onto Lincoln Ave. Turn left onto PA--982 Hillview Ave., turn right onto Raymond Ave.
- If traveling West from Ebensburg on RT 22, take the PA--217 ramp toward Blairsville. Follow 217 into Latrobe, turn left onto Raymond Ave.

Cost: \$10.00/person
Includes Registration, Coffee, Donuts, Lunch
Agenda:

8:30	Coffee/Donuts
9:00	EVAP canister restoration – Jim Patitucci
10:15	Fuel Injection C2 vs C7 John DeGregory/Norm Neffield
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Judging School – Bill Bryan (1 Judging Point) You must attend this for points.
2:00	Adjourn

-----Mail forms and Check payable to: **Pittsburgh Tri--State Chapter NCRS**-----

John Kuhns
 2339 Raymond Ave
 Latrobe, PA 15650

REGISTER NO LATER THAN March 1, 2018

Name: _____ Signature _____

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.

Dave's Corvette Corner

My name is Dave Kitch and I have recently volunteered to act as the NCRS PTSC New bulletin editor. I joined the chapter in 1999 and have since earned the judging award of the 200 point club Master Judge. I have judged all over the USA at national, regional, and chapter judging meets. I own a National Top Flight 1966 Convertible, a Chapter Top Flight 65 coupe and a 2015 Stingray coupe. I intend to provide many interesting articles dealing with restoration as I remain active in the . I will always be looking for interesting articles to publish.



David Engler had no idea a simple question at work would turn up a 1966 Corvette convertible tucked away in a container inside a shed for 40 years. I wanted a Corvette my entire life. I'm 66 years old now and my wife said, 'Well, you'll probably never have one,' and then I found it, this one. "Engler couldn't have been more ecstatic. The Corvette was a convertible with the hottest 427 offered that year, the 425-horse L72 backed by a four-speed transmission and a set of 4.11 gears and Positraction differential at a price that would be within his reach. . This is the Corvette that some enthusiasts consider the most brutal non-L88 mid-year of them all, even hotter than the 435-horse 427s with Tri-power.

"I found the car four years ago in March 2014. The way I got the thing was I worked for the Scott Town Roads Department for 20 years. I retired last January. A young mechanic that worked out there said his uncle had this old Corvette sitting in a barn that had been there since The mechanic's name was Lyle. Lyle knew Engler had some old cars. Engler mentioned to Lyle he was looking for a project when he retired. "Lyle said, 'Well, my uncle's got this old Corvette out there, but I don't know if he would sell it.' I told him to start pestering his uncle to see if I could get the thing bought. One thing led to another and he finally called and asked me if I was interested in the old Corvette. And I said, 'Yes, I am.' That was on a Friday. And he said, 'When do you want to look at it?' And I said, how 'bout Saturday morning about eight o'clock? So, I went and looked at it that following day and told him I was very interested. He said, 'Let me think about it over the weekend.' And he called me back on Tuesday and said he'd sell it."

To get the car, Engler took his oldest son Trent, nephew Dennis Marple and friend Ken Schoenthaler, who restores cars for a living. They drove into the country to a farmhouse with various buildings that were falling down. They "tromped through weeds higher than our heads" to a collapsed building on what proved to be a really fun day. They had to dig about three feet of dirt off the south side of the structure to get the side door open. The red Corvette was visible inside an "aluminum truck box" underneath the wooden barn that had collapsed. The doors were off the back of the container and they could make out the back end of a red 1966 Corvette with a hardtop that "barely fit" inside. The tires were flat and since the valve stems were gone off the rims they could not air up the tires. Engler had brought a set of 14-inch Camaro wheels, but they would not clear the disc brake calipers. Ken drove back to his shop and returned with a set of 15-inch wheels mounted with tires so they could roll the car out of the building. The brakes were not frozen. Engler didn't even have to replace the rotors. He had them turned and they were fine. Engler thinks the wooden floor of the container helped cut down on moisture drifting into the underside of the Vette. Engler cut down a tree to free a bellhousing that was on the ground nearby. He was totally shocked when he checked the numbers and found this bellhousing was correct for this Corvette. "The mice and the raccoons had a heyday with it," Engler said. The owner did not want to know anything about the car "when it leaves here," so Engler prefers to leave his name out. "He said he should have been killed in it numerous times. He had blown the clutch up at one time and almost took his leg off. He lived down a gravel road and drove it like it was an ordinary car, which was. They dragged the Corvette out of the shed and winched it onto their trailer. The Vette was all there, but the owner had pulled the 427 and wrapped it in burlap soaked in oil, then stored in a metal crate. The numbers matched. This was a factory 425-horse 427. 40 years ago when it was a \$4,000 car."



The Milano Maroon paint was original. The car had no power steering or power brakes, and appears to be a muscle Corvette through and through. The stock AM/FM radio shocked Engler when he turned it on and it worked. Engler completed a ground-up restoration in early 2017. At a car show that summer a couple of owners said he should subscribe to Vette. He did and found a Rare Finds story on another 1966 that led him to send us some photos of the car he found, which led to this story.

Story compliments of Jim Board, MAC



I hope that you enjoyed the story.

Dave Kitch

Targa Top restoration by Brian McIntyre

The blue-tinted Targa top on my 1992 Corvette was starting to show some age. These tops are clear coated from the factory and the coating was starting to peel off after 20 years. (Fig. 1)

This shows the top with area needing protection



Here are the results of the initial sanding with 150-grit sandpaper. The darker spot is the acrylic starting to show under the clear coat.

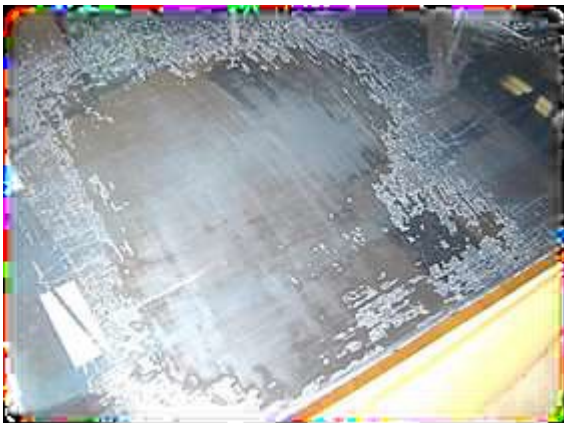


This aging was losing between 2 and 12 of the 24 condition points on the judging field. A new repro top costs on the order of \$900. While I would get the condition points back, I would lose 40% of the 24 originality points for configuration and date.

Pete Mihaltian sent me information from Corvette Forum which explained how the clear coat could simply be sanded off. I must admit taking sandpaper to clear plastic did not seem like a path to success, but there was nothing to lose.

I used masking tape to protect the metal edge in the top. Getting the clear coat off near the edge was a particular challenge as I was trying to avoid straight-line sanding in order to avoid low spots which might prove troublesome later in the process while avoiding damaging the semi-gloss black metal edge.

Once the clear coat was removed, I wet sanded with 400-, 600-, 800-, 1000- and 1500-grit sandpaper. I taped over the date and logo when sanding with the more aggressive sand papers to avoid damage. I followed the sanding with a random orbital sander and a progression of increasingly finer polishing compounds. The results were amazing.



The top about half sanded—the acrylic is now opaque

This shows half of the top polished and half sanded with the 400-grit sand paper for a comparison of how well the process worked. I was quite honestly surprised and pleased.



This took a weekend to do. I have not lost a condition point on the top since completing this project. This was one of the improvements which helped get my McLellan Mark-of-Excellence Award in Hampton in 2013. It was well worth the time. I did not have the top re-clear coated as it will not see any weather.

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67.

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From your Judging Chairman,

Bill Bryan
63 Slit Window Coupe

New purchase from Buffalo NY, car was with it's last owner for 47 years, during that time it must have been in a minor accident, repaired very poorly, and given one of the worst paint jobs I have ever seen.

So now I own it and what did I ask for, maybe it can be a good driver with poor paint, maybe I should park it till I get my current project done or maybe someone will want it more than me?

Time will tell, it left the factory as a 1963 split window saddle tan inside and out, 300hp, 4-speed, still has it's original numbers matching drivetrain.





PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER MEET

WWW.NCRSPITT.COM

Saturday, June 9, 2018 – **ALL CORVETTES INDOORS**

B & D Creekside Activity Center, 501 Avenue B, Latrobe, PA 15650

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 – SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018

7:30 – 9:00 Registration & Ops judging	12:00 – 1:00 Lunch available
9:00 – 9:15 Owners And Judges Meeting	3:30 – Awards
9:15 – 3:00 Flight Judging	

Note: Cars Must Be OPS Judged Before Entry To Show Area

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Registration fee: per person; e.g., Owner/Judge/Tabulator/Spectator (Includes Lunch)	\$10	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Judging Car Entry	\$75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Fee For Judged Car Entries (if Postmarked after Saturday, 06/02/2018)	\$30	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sportsman Display Without Ribbon \$10 – OR – With Ribbon	\$20	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowtie/Duntov/McLellan/Hill or Special Interest Display	\$ 0	\$ N/C
<input type="checkbox"/> Join or Renew Pittsburgh Chapter Membership	\$20	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Trailer Parking	\$ 0	\$ N/C
TOTAL		\$ _____

JUDGING PARTICIPATION

Enter Your Year (or Class) and Judging Category Preferences in the Boxes Below. Thank You!

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

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 ____ / ____ / ____

Please send copies of your owner and insurance cards with this registration form. Limit 4 cars per class.

I agree to insure my vehicle and property against loss, damage and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to the 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 which may result in the theft or destruction of my property or injury to me or others occurring, during or as a consequence of this meet. Your signature below signifies that you have read and agree to all individual meet requirements. Proof of insurance must be presented at the meet.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Make checks payable to: Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS Registration must be postmarked by June 2, 2018 to avoid a late fee.

Send to: Jim Wainwright, 104 Aldrich Ave, Altoona, PA 16602 e-mail: james_wainwright@hsb.com

Phone: 814-942-2758

Note: "NCRS" in subject line when e-mailing.

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