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## Winter 2018 Newsletter Chairman's message by: Don Geary

As I write this message snow is flying and I'm wondering where 2018 went.

We had a wonderful Christmas banquet at Lakeview this year and the food was excellent and the friends were even better. If you missed it, you missed a good one; the weather even cooperated for a change.

I recognized two individuals during the banquet this year for their work with the chapter:

- Bill Bryan for his work as judging chairman and pushing new judging and training events
- Jimmy Patitucci for his work on the Newsletter. He has taken our newsletters to a new level.

I also recognized the entire board for all their hard work and their longevity conducting the business of the chapter. Without these guys and gals we frankly would not have the chapter that we all expect. We achieved TOP FLIGHT Chapter again this year and we have received this award since the inception of the program in 2005. Thanks again for all the folks who make this chapter great.

Looking ahead to 2019 we have an amazing slate of events: Please see our event schedule for details. They will be published in this newsletter, on our website and our annual roster.

This year was the election for our board members and we have a new slate of officers for the next two years. Please see our new officer list in our publications.

I would like to thank all of the board and members of this chapter for a great couple years as your chairman. We had a very successful Regional last year and this year's events were very special as well

Again, the board working together as a team is the only way to successfully achieve our ambitious event schedule year after year.

Here's wishing everybody a Happy and safe New Year. Hope to see you at our 2019 events.



## JUDGING CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE by Bill Bryan

Hello everyone, a new year is right around the corner and lots of events are planned by our chapter. Please review them all and sign up for attendance if at all possible. Please join us often, if you think about the people planning an event they are doing so hoping it is well attended and enjoyable for everyone.

WOW!, is all that can be said about our recent Hubbard Ohio Chapter Judging Meet, 12 flight cars, 7 sportsmen cars, and lots of attendance, I cannot thank everyone involved enough. Thanks again everyone, and special thanks goes to the wonderful staff at Greenwood Chevrolet. Their facility gets a Top Flight in my book. When another event is planned at Greenwood Chevrolet, be sure to attend. I am hearing they want us back for an encore!

Everyone is always welcome at our monthly meetings, watch the events schedule. During a couple of our meetings I will be conducting a 1 point judging school. It will be kept to basic judges training, with a few tips I will always share. Please attend you will not only earn 1 judging point, but you may also become a more knowledgeable judge.

March 4th will be our annual visit to John Kuhns Garage/showroom. It's a great place to visit just to see the memorabilia and the bonus will be our event and the excellent food for lunch. The agenda is still being planned, so please if anyone has any suggested topics, please let me know! I welcome all suggestions for your presentation or give me suggestions and I will make the presentation, please call or email anytime.

Last newsletter I included a picture of my 67 having its motor pulled for a rebuild and freshening up of the engine compartment. To show I am moving forward, a new picture is included below. Motor is all rebuilt, went over all engine compartment items and it runs and drives great up and down my driveway. Just need to wait for spring now for a good road test.

As a note, setting up tri-power carbs and rebuilding them was a new experience for me, but with the NCRS discussion board and the friends I have made in the NCRS, I was successful. I now have them running perfect and understand their operation. If you experience problems or have questions use the NCRS discussion board or make phone calls to your NCRS friends for help.



*Did you know: The first Corvettes were too advanced for the factory? They were the first fiberglass body that GM mass produced. The factory was ill-equipped to handle the new tech, and they didn't know how to ground the car. The first few cars made wouldn't start. Instead of driving them off the assembly line, they had to be pushed.*

# **THE PTSC CROSSES THE BORDER TO HOLD A CHAPTER JUDGING MEET & SCHOOL IN HUBBARD, OHIO!**

*Write-Up and Photos by: Jimmy Patitucci #60161*

## ***2018 PTSC Judging Meet: Greenwood Chevrolet, Hubbard Ohio***

On Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> our chapter traveled up to Hubbard, Ohio to a Flight Judging Meet & Judging School. Our event was hosted by Greenwood Chevrolet and members from the Shenango Valley Corvette Club. This was a great opportunity for our chapter to spread its wings so to speak and reach out to our Ohio neighbors, who were eager to have their Corvettes judged. We had a wide selection of twelve Vettes to judge at least one in each generation from C1 thru C5's. (1956, 1965, (2) 1966's, (3) 1967's, 1968, 1971, 1994, 1995, & 1997.

Our Chairman, Don Geary welcomed everyone and presented each of our hosts with a PTSC Framed Certificate of Appreciation, thanking them for hosting this event. (See top right photo.)

Judging Chairman, Bill Bryan followed up Don by going over the Agenda for the day. He met with the owners and judges then gave everyone their judging assignments, and discussed judging/owner protocol.

Before everyone started judging the cars, a 1 hour judging school was held and led by PTSC Outside Coordinator Dave Kitch. He went over the NCRS Standard Deductions Guidelines and the CDCIF Guidelines. (See photo lower right.)

To start the day, Dennis Webber provided coffee and donuts for the entire group. A great lunch was provided by Steve Rotunno and Greenwood Chevrolet. This break from judging gave everyone an opportunity to meet, and socialize. This facility was super nice and provided us with an excellent venue for judging the Corvettes. We hope to hold another event here in the future.

At the end of the day Don once again thanked everyone for attending the event, and thanked our hosts for their hospitality. Both owners and judges had a great time. It was nice to meet new NCRS friends who all share the same passion for the Corvette. An event like this is what lifts our Pittsburgh Chapter above the rest. Not only is it a social event but it provides an opportunity for valuable judging experience. We hope to schedule another judging meet at this location in the future.



***PTSC Chairman Don Geary presents our hosts with the PTSC Certificate of Appreciation Awards. Pictured above from L to R:***

***Steve Rotunno New Car Manager Greenwood Chevrolet, Ken Jelley NCRS Museum Rep., Dennis Webber President Shenango Valley Corvette Club & PTSC Chairman, Don Geary.***



***Dave Kitch instructs the group in a One Hour Judging School on NCRS Standard Deductions and CDIF Guidelines.***

***(More photos and Judging Results on the following pages...)***

**Judging Chairman Bill Bryan listens to a question from Steve Rotunno as he goes over the day's Agenda and Judging protocol with car owners and judges.**



**Listening to Bill go over the events for the day....**



**Don handing out Sportman Awards...**



**Attendees listening to Dave during Judging School...**





*Just gaze at some of the beautiful cars we had to judge, as well as those Sportsman Class entries and those driven to the event by members and attendees.... WOW!*





*You can see in many of the photos that it was really a beautiful sunny day. Everyone in attendance had a great time. With any of our Chapter Judging Events the most important thing to take away from these is that they are learning experiences for the owners and the judges. It's all about having fun and enjoying the Corvettes and fellowship. The Flight Judging results are listed on the next page. For more photos of awards being presented and cars please visit our website. [www.ncrspitt.com](http://www.ncrspitt.com)*

*Flight Judging Results from the PTSC event held at Greenwood Chevrolet in  
Hubbard, Ohio*

*October 14, 2018*

*Results submitted by Bill Bryan, PTSC Judging Chairman*

Charles Hale 1956 Top Flight

Dean Rice 1965 Top Flight

Frank Pelly 1966 Top Flight

John Kufleitner 1966 Top Flight

William Holdford 1967 Top Flight

John Madej 1967 Top Flight

Franklin Swanek 1967 Top Flight

Bob Dombrowski 1968 Top Flight

Raymond Shaffer 1971 Second Flight

Charles Ash 1994 Top Flight

Victor Francis 1996 Top Flight

Gene Strine 1997 Top Flight

Dennis Webber – Sportsman – 2010

Frank Pelly – Sportsman – 1989/1965

Ken Jelley – Sportsman – 2017

Michael Capozzio Sportsman – 1957

Dean Shaffer – Sportsman – 1967

Michael Doefler –Sportsman - 2017

19 – Judges

7 – Tabulators

36- Members registered for the event.

3 – Judging points were awarded for those who judged and  
attended the judging school.

**NCRS Calendar of Events 2019**

Florida Regional - February 20-13 - Lakeland, Fla.

**Judges Training Retreat – March 14-17 - Dallas, Texas**

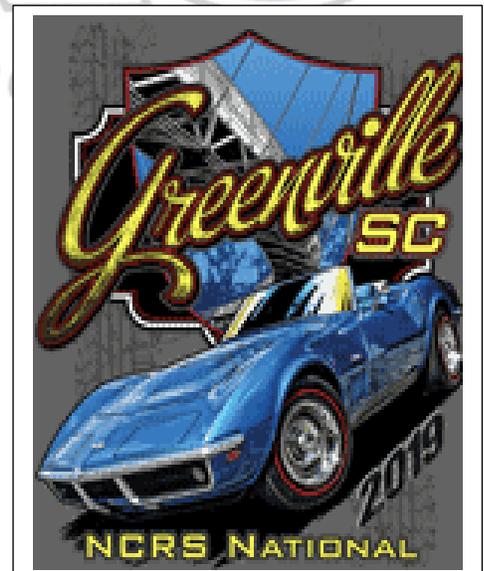
Queen City Regional - April 11-13 - Sharonville, Ohio

New England Regional - May 16-18 -Boston, Mass.

**National Convention- July 14-19- Greenville, SC**

Lake Tahoe Regional-September 19-21 -Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Texas Regional- October 24-26- Frisco, Texas



## Midyear Corvette Turn Signal Switch

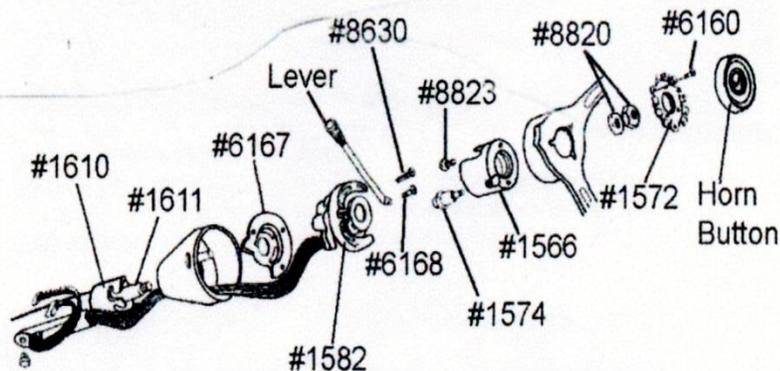
By Dave Kitch (33108)

Anyone who has experience with the GM OEM turn signal switch knows what a poor design it is. The same basic switch was used from 63-67 with a few variations in each year including variations resulting with telescopic steering. The switch controls the turn signal, brake, stop light and horn.

The switch consists of four basic parts:

- Contact assembly with wire leads
- Cancelling cam
- Turn signal lever
- Horn button

Fig. 1 was taken from the Corvette World 63-67 Catalog and shows the switch and adjacent parts:



- 8820 Steering Hub Nut & Washer
- 1572 67 Horn Contact
- 1574 Horn Contact Brush Assy.
- 6160 Horn Contact Screw Set
- 8630 Turn Signal Switch Mounting Screws
- 1582 Turn Signal Switch w/Harness
- 1566 64-66 Turn Signal Cancelling Cam
- 6167 Upper Steering Column Tube Retainer
- 1610 Steering Column Tube
- 1611 Steering Column Shaft
- 6168 Screw - Turn Signal Lever

## Dave's Tech Article continued...

Fig. 2 shows the inside of the contact and leads assembly.

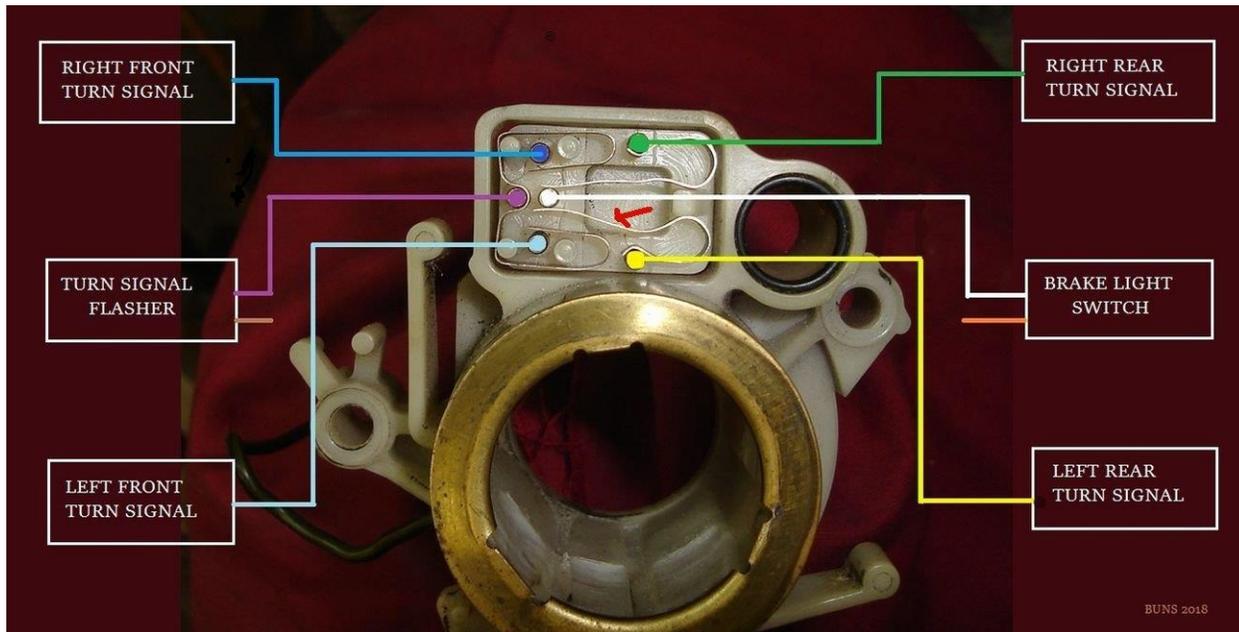


Fig. 2

This is looking from the bottom of the switch. The source of most of the operational problems is with the spring contacts moving out of place or popping loose. This can cause problems with the turn signals, turn signal lights, and stop lights. The OEM switches were a dull yellow white while the reproduction switches are bright white. The major source of the repro switches is Letric Limited. There are differences between the original and reproduction switches.

Brian Bair from Bair's Corvettes says that a guy in his shop rebuilds and tests all the new switches before they are sold.

*The Pittsburgh Tri -State Chapter of NCRS was founded in August of 1990. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at designated and published times and locations. All members are welcome to attend the board meetings. In 2018 -19 the board meetings will be held at the Boulevard Restaurant in Delmont, Pa. at 6:30 pm. The newsletter is published quarterly. All articles for publication must be submitted no later than 15 days prior to the end of the calendar quarter. Ads from PTSC members are free of charge. Any car related news is appreciated. Applications for membership and annual dues should be sent to Judy Geary 117 Caldwell Dr. Jeanette, Pa. 15644, or [gearyjt@comcast.net](mailto:gearyjt@comcast.net). Membership dues are \$20.00 per year and payable from June 1 thru June 30. You can also pay dues via PayPal, see our website for the link: [www.ncrspitt.com](http://www.ncrspitt.com).*

## HOW IT ALL STARTED PART 3

THIS SEGMENT IDENTIFIES THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR NAMING OUR  
PTSC NEWSLETTER...**R**ESTORATION **P**RESERVATION **M**OTORING FUN...

DOCUMENTS FOR THIS SEGMENT WERE SUBMITTED BY OUR CHAPTER HISTORIAN;

**BARRY HOLMES**



August 1990, Vol. 1, Number 1

*The official quarterly newsletter of the Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter.*

Notice that our chapter newsletter is untitled? We need your help in selecting an appropriate title. Please send your suggestions to the newsletter editor, Pete Licastro, 1000 2C Hillgate Pl., Pittsburgh, 15220. The board of directors will vote on the entries at an upcoming meeting. The winner will receive an as of yet undetermined prize, possibly 1953 Corvette #001. (Just kidding! -ed.)

The success of our chapter newsletter is a key element in the success of our chapter. The success of the newsletter depends on you, the membership. NCRS requires that we produce a newsletter at least quarterly in order to maintain our status as a probationary chapter. Please help us by contributing ideas, stories, graphics, technical articles or anything that would enhance the newsletter. Let's make the Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter one of the strongest in the country!



PETE LICASTRO, Newsletter Chairman

Tentative Newsletter Dates

November 1, 1990

February 1, 1991

May 1, 1991

August 1, 1991

Deadline for Submissions

October 15, 1990

January 15, 1991

April 15, 1991

July 15, 1991

CHECK OUT THE LAST PARAGRAPH IN THE LEFT COLUMN BELOW TO FIND OUT WHO WAS THE WINNER IN NAMING OUR NEWSLETTER!

PLUS TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE CHAPTER EVENTS & INTERESTING ITEMS BELOW FROM BACK IN THE DAY...

*...Down on the Farm....*

The McCagh Family's 7th annual "Labor Day Down on the Farm" was held Labor Day weekend at the McCagh farm in the rustic mountains of Cumberland, Maryland. Hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter, the meet offered a full range of activities including tech sessions, a crab feast, road tour and swimming. The beautiful weather combined with the hospitality of the McCagh family created a very enjoyable weekend. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to next years meet!

**Pittsburgh Tri-State Fall Picnic**

Sunday, September 23, marked the date of the first annual chapter picnic and car show held at Cedar Creek Park. Despite the cold weather, some outstanding Corvettes (and people for that matter) attended. Good food and conversation did its best to warm the air. Among the cars present were: an original owner 1969 ZL-1, 1957 fuelie, and several 1963's. There's no doubt that our chapter has some of the finest Corvettes in the country! Special thanks to John DeGregory for his hard work in coordinating the picnic.

**Thanks, Mary Lou!!!**

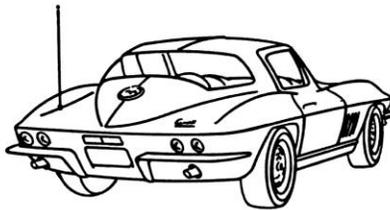
Special thanks to Mary Lou Kossum for naming our Chapter newsletter. *RPM* - Restoration, Preservation, Motoring fun.

Hey! What's a Corvette Anyway??

**cor-vette** (kôr-vêt) *n.* Also **cor-vet** (kôr-vêt', kôr'vêt). 1. A fast, lightly armed warship, smaller than a destroyer. 2. Formerly, a warship, smaller than a frigate, usually armed with one tier of guns. [French, from Old French, probably from Middle Dutch *corf*, basket, kind of small ship, CORF.]

☆☆ Local Celebrities ☆☆☆

If you read the November issue of the Chew/Corvette Buyer's Guide you might have recognized some familiar names. John Maher and Kim Porter, members of the Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter, were featured, color photos and all, in an article about the 1990 Corvettes @ Carlisle show. The article is on pages 88-90 of the November issue. Check it out!!



**Mary Lou & Rich Kossum are still Chapter members and own a 1969 Corvette.**

*Below is an NCRS membership application from the 1990's attached to an early PTSC newsletter.. Neat slogan isn't it?*



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Dues: \$21 per year payable to NCRS (\$25 Canada, \$35 Overseas Foreign)

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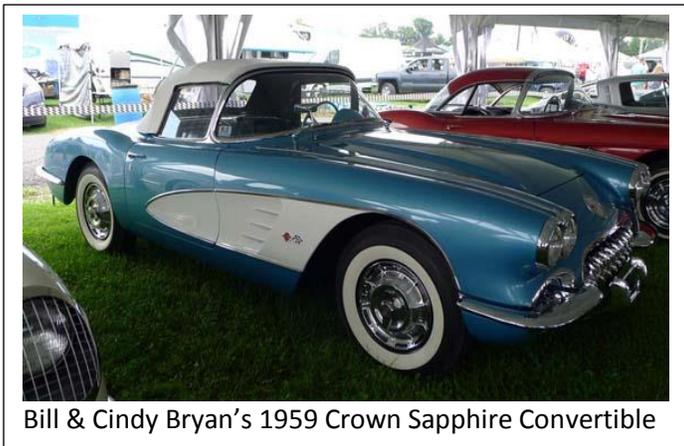
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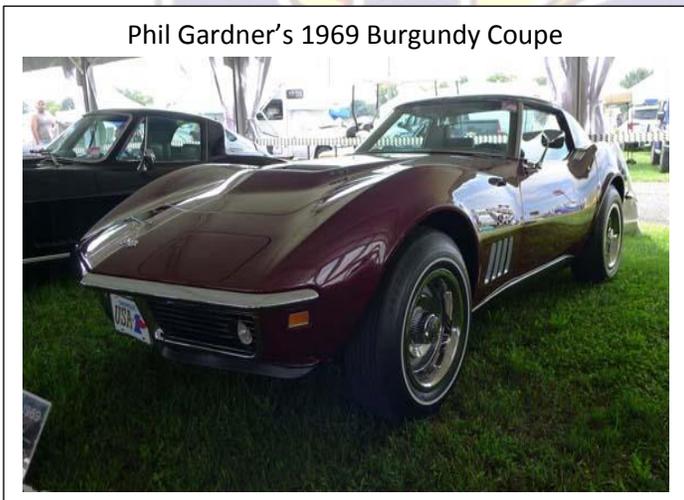




Here is an update on this feature from our Fall Newsletter, to further acknowledge three of our **current** PTSC Members who were 2018 Honorees and had their Corvettes on display in the NCRS Gallery Tent at Corvettes at Carlisle. The Gallery is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Chapter each year. It's an invitational collection of Corvettes of merit that exemplify what the NCRS is all about. Below are photos of our three PTSC member's cars along with a few other overview photos from the exhibit. **Congratulations to our Chapter Honorees.**



Bill & Cindy Bryan's 1959 Crown Sapphire Convertible



Phil Gardner's 1969 Burgundy Coupe



Jim & Milda Oliverio's 1988 Bright Red Convertible



# Caravan to Cook's Forest

Story by Rich Shevchik  
Photos by Al Syrek



*The picturesque Allegheny almost encircles the town of East Brady in the Pennsylvania coal mining region.*

With the snow and cold of winter rapidly approaching, the Corvettes of Pennsylvania were eagerly in search of one last event.

It seems that in Western Pennsylvania, many Corvettes emulate the hibernating creatures of the north country. At the first sign of a snowflake, 'Vette owners carefully block and cover their cars until the daffodils bloom once more.

What could we do as a fitting climax to a season that had been filled with fun and excitement? We had run the gamut of rallies and autocrosses. Perhaps a Road Hunt? Hard to really do justice to a Road Hunt in just one or two days and few of our members had any vacation time left. How about a caravan? What better way to end the season than with a massive display of "glass" meandering across the countryside?

Many Corvette owners have never had the opportunity, not to mention the pleasure, of taking part in a caravan. If you have, you know there's much to be said about the feeling you get when several 'Vettes parade past an unexpecting eye. So—caravan it was.

Like any event, a caravan requires careful planning, especially in deciding where to go and what route to take. The thought of winter makes many people pale. However, there is one advantage in that winter must be preceded by autumn and those of you who are familiar with autumn in Pennsylvania know there is none better. (*Editor's Note: Michiganders may dispute this. See Corvette News, Feb/Mar '73.*) The brilliant hues of red, yellow and orange, splashed with brown and pine, reveal a never-ending maze of color combinations.

Here was the perfect setting for a Corvette caravan. More

specifically, a caravan that left Beaver County, in Southwestern Pennsylvania, headed north through Cook's Forest and then headed home again.

Early Sunday morning, with the weatherman predicting an 80% chance of rain, an empty parking lot awaited the caravan participants. As the hour of departure approached, the rumble of finely-tuned machinery could be heard converging from every direction. A bright red '71 'Vette was the first to appear. Then, a rich burgundy 1969. Soon there were 14 shiny Corvettes lined up; from 1962s to 1972s; 350s to 454s. Every model. Every color. It was a beautiful sight!

Before we set out, last minute instructions were in order. "In the case of an emergency, turn on your high beams. Your cooperation is needed in the relaying of this signal so the train will halt." Although a walkie-talkie system was set up between the first and last cars, we felt a secondary method of communication was needed. It turned out to be our only means of communication; after the first mile, the walkie-talkies talked no more.

Even a small caravan encounters the problem of staying together, especially when going through towns. Two or three stop lights can dissect a caravan into any number of segments as we were to find out within the first few minutes of our trip. We had started in the heart of Rochester, Pennsylvania and as we found our way toward the town's outer limits, the trip was stop and go—wait and catch up. We managed, however, and the journey was finally officially underway.

Route 68 East (really Northeast) winds its way out of the



Beaver Valley steel mill area into the city of Butler, a steel town with a population of around 25,000. Because of the maze of intersections, we anticipated some problems in keeping the caravan together but, to our amazement, encountered none. The town of Butler was still asleep on this cloudy, Sunday morning.

Taking leave of Butler, we began our wandering through the hills of Northwestern Pennsylvania at a pleasant, leisurely pace. Although a number of farms dotted the countryside, we found many coal mining areas as the Pennsylvania steel mills still use a large amount of coal as their major fuel supply.

It wasn't long before we made our first unscheduled stop. Just across the Allegheny River, a small roadside diner in East Brady reminded many stomachs that they had missed breakfast. It also gave us the chance to take pictures because here, the Allegheny wraps itself around the town, creating a picturesque site.

As we left East Brady and ascended one of Pennsylvania's many hills, we had the Allegheny on our right for several miles until we reached the Brady's Bend Observation Point. Pulling off to the left side of the road, we saw none other than the same river as, at this point, the twisting Allegheny is on both sides of the ridge.

A brief pause to enjoy the view and we continued north to the town of Clarion, home of Clarion State College, a state teachers' college with an enrollment of around 5,000. It was here that our caravan encountered its first, and only, uncoupling. A stop light divided the group in half. As the first group stopped to refuel, they could see the other half eagerly drive by in an attempt to catch up. Ten minutes, and four miles later, our caravan was recoupled and once again on our way to Cook's Forest.

Once across the Clarion River, we ventured further North into the Appalachian Highlands where, hundreds of years ago, the Seneca Indians, ruled by the great chiefs Red Jacket and Cornplanter, roamed. The Seneca peoples were one of five Iroquoian-speaking tribes which were part of a confederacy known as the Five Nations. The other four tribes were the Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida and the Onondaga. After 1722, the confederacy was joined by the Tuscaroras to form the Six Nations.

Turning onto Route 30, our caravan entered Cook's Forest State Park. Created in 1927 by the State Assembly, the park encompasses 8,000 acres covered by giant hardwoods, virgin pine and hemlocks, some over 200 feet tall. Once inside the park, we journeyed down a winding dirt road intersected by several foot trails. This area often appears dark, even on a sun-drenched afternoon, due to the thick foliage overhead. To our right and left were large glacially-deposited boulders trimmed with rhododendron, mountain laurel, dogwood, ferns and bearded moss.

It wasn't long before our caravan came to a second halt, this time to journey on foot. Ahead of us were two foot trails. The first led to the fire observation tower. The second trail led to Seneca Point. We chose the tower first, where we could see mile upon mile of rolling hills covered with trees. We found the glacial boulders quite intriguing with their many cracks and crevices leaving small tunnels and caves.

Next, we headed for Seneca Point. From this vantage point we could see the Clarion River winding its way leisurely through the countryside. With such a panoramic view of the countryside spread before us, we could see why the Indians had used this as a lookout point to watch for their enemies many years ago.

Heading back through Cook's Forest, our speed was limited to about 15 miles per hour because of the steeply-graded dirt roads. It not only gave us a chance to drink in the beauty that surrounded us but enabled us to enjoy the surprised looks of the many nature-seekers along the way. With their campers and 4-wheel drive vehicles, these people had traveled hundreds of miles from the big cities in search of seclusion, only to look upon a parade of "glass" beauties, each looking like it had been designed for the future.

We made our way to the Trading Post, a large structure housing a small grille, rest areas and a souvenir stand. However, our stay was limited for it was getting late and we still had quite a way to travel.

Autumn wouldn't be complete without its brilliant hues reflected in a quiet pool of water so we turned our caravan up River Road. Here we encountered another caravan. This one was made of birch; a string of canoes fighting their way upstream. We followed the river for several miles before turning south back toward Clarion.

The trip home took us on many back roads, none of which had route numbers. The largest town we hit on the way was Fisher, which consisted of about six houses. It was getting dark when we stopped for dinner at the Clarion Clipper.

Our journey from Clarion back to the Beaver Valley was quite fast as we traveled along Interstates 79 and 80. The Corvettes of Pennsylvania's last event of the season was a complete success. Those who had been on other caravans in the past were more than satisfied. Those who had indulged for the first time were well on their way to being enthusiasts.

**REMINISCING:** Now that winter is here I thought the article on the previous two pages about the *Corvettes of Pennsylvania's* Caravan to Cook's Forest in '73 would be an enjoyable read from "Back in the Day". It was taken from the June/July 1973 Corvette News Magazine. I'm sure many of you are familiar with this area. Maybe some of you actually participated in this event back then, or know someone who did. If so, I'd love to hear about it. It would make a great follow-up article to add in a future newsletter. I hope you enjoyed reading it as much as I did.

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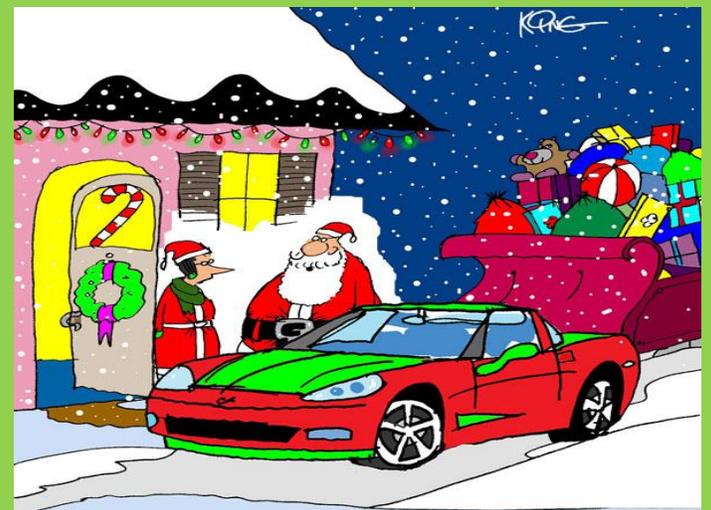
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*“If I’m going to be delivering gifts all over the world, why not have fun doing it?”*

Vintage HERTZ Adv. From 1963



## ***PTSC 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, HOLIDAY BANQUET & CORVETTE PARTY***

***WRITE UP: JIMMY PATITUCCI***

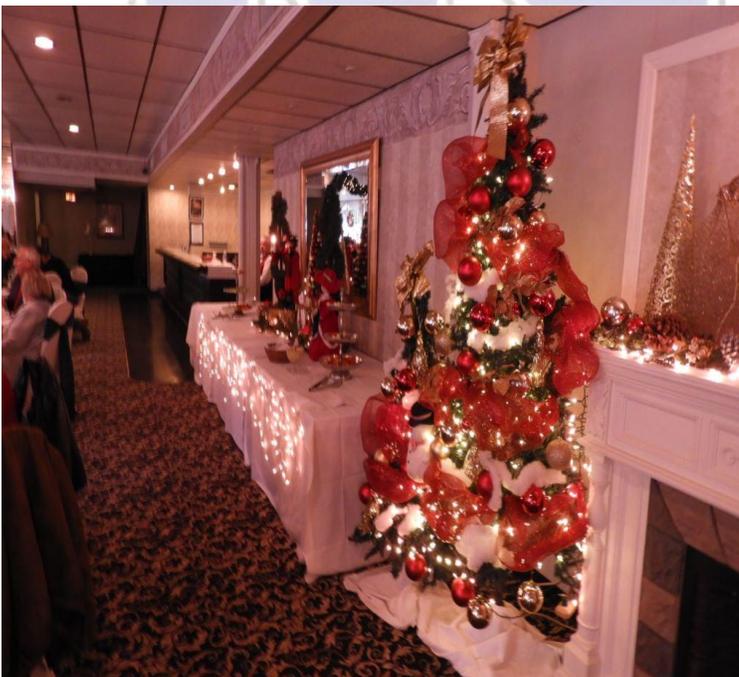
***PHOTOS: J.PATITUCCI, DAVE KITCH & GENE CASTROVILLO***

*On Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> our PTSC held its annual Membership Meeting and Christmas Banquet at the Lakeview Lounge in Greensburg, Pa. This event was organized and coordinated by John DeGregory. There were about 39 members/guests in attendance. It was really nice to see such a large turnout. The venue was decorated beautifully for the holiday season. The cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres started at 2:00 followed by a fantastic dinner at 3:00 and then the brief membership meeting.*



*As one of his last duties as current Chairman Don Geary shared many of the highlights and events held by our Chapter this past year. He especially noted the Annual Picnic in August at Indian Lake Park, the judged meet at Greenwood Chevrolet, Hubbard, Ohio in October and the Vinoski Winery Tour & Cruise. The Schedule of Events for 2019 was also passed out to those in attendance and Don went over each and encouraged everyone to try to attend as many events as possible next year.*

*(Don addressing the group)*



He also wanted to make sure to acknowledge our current board members for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. In doing so, he introduced each member individually and thanked them. He presented two members with the "NCRS Support Pin-Award" for their hard work. The first went to our Judging Chairman, Bill Bryan for all his efforts in planning and organizing all our judging meets and schools. The second award was presented to our Newsletter Editor, Jimmy Patitucci for his work on our Newsletter each quarter. John DeGregory personally thanked Don for his hard work and dedication to the chapter as our Chairman for the past two years as well as all the other board positions Don held since he's been a member.

**(John D. thanking Don & offering the Blessing...)**



As many of you know our board had to reorganize for 2019. Dave Kitch will take over as Chapter Chairman for the next two years. Don Geary was nominated at the meeting to be the Vice Chairman since there were no other interested parties. The other newest member named to the board was Bob Stokes, who will take over the Outside Coordinator position for the next two years. The rest of the board will remain the same. Norm Neffield - Treasurer, Jim Wainwright - Secretary, John Jeffries - Inside Coordinator, Jimmy Patitucci -

Newsletter Editor, Judy Geary - Membership Chair, Historian - Barry Holmes, and Board Members at Large: Mike Bucheit, Bob Cirilli, John DeGregory, & Don Geary.



One of the most important things our chapter does at the Holiday Banquet each year is to ask everyone who attends to bring a monetary donation or bring a Toy for the Westmorland County area Toys for Tots Program. **Dave and Bridget Kitch** (pictured below) have been the Co-Chair persons for the PTSC campaign for the past three years. At this year's Banquet they collected approximately \$700.00 in gifts and \$300.00 in checks. Thank you to all who donated!!!



Finally, Don passed the Chapter Chair's Gavel on to Dave as he thanked everyone for their support and dedication and for attending this year's Banquet.

Our Chapter would especially like to thank John DeGregory for his hard work in coordinating this event. The food as always was excellent. A great time was had by all! We hope to see you at one of our Chapter Events in 2019. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members and their families from the PTSC Board Members...

Enjoy the photos from the Banquet below and on the next pages. For more photos: check our website: [www.ncrspitt.com](http://www.ncrspitt.com)



Dave took some photos in the warehouse in Youngwood that included **Denny Blank**, the local Toys for Tots chairman.



28<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting and Holiday Banquet Photos Continued.....



*It was so nice to get together and socialize with our old & new friends, to catch up on everything from the past year and even talk about our Corvettes. Like the homepage on the NCRS website states "Join for the cars and stay for the friends". Our Pittsburgh Chapter embodies that statement for sure.*



John Kuhns entertaining the crowd!



*More photos from our 28th Annual Membership Meeting and Holiday Banquet!*



**\*MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL from the PTSC -NCRS!!!**

# Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS

## 2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

**March 10(Sun)-Judging Seminar at John Kuhns Garage, Latrobe, Pa.** \*Coordinator: Bill Bryan and John Kuhns

**April 28(Sun)-Judges Training with 2 Corvettes** at Tom Henry Chevy, Mars, Pa. \*Coordinator: Bill Bryan, Bob Cirilli

**May 19(Sun) -Technical seminar/tour American Muscle shop,** Madison, Pa. \*Coordinator Dave Kitch

**June 7, 8(Sat) 2 day - Chapter Meet at B&D Activity Center,** Latrobe, Pa. \*Coordinator: Don Geary, Registration: Jim Wainwright, Judging: Bill Bryan

**June 29(Sat) - Cruise to Vinoski Winery** with CCWP for ribs & blues weekend \*Coordinator: Dave Kitch

**Aug 11(Sun) -Annual Picnic at Indian Lake Park** in North Huntingdon, Pa. \*Coordinator: John DeGregory and Frank Gavron

**Sept 15 (Sun) - Judges Training w/ 2 Corvettes** at Barry Holmes Garage, Slickville, Pa. \*Coordinator: Barry Holmes, Bill Bryan

**October 20(Sun) -Fall Road tour to Wright Falling Waters,** Mill Run, Pa.\*Coordinator: Don and Judy Geary

**December 8(Sun) - Christmas Banquet at Manor Valley Golf Club,** Export, Pa. \*Coordinator: John DeGregory, Mike Bucheit



## NCRS Now Judging Modified Corvettes

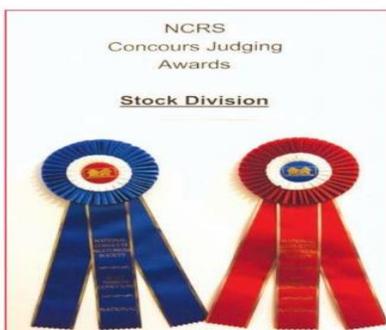
The National Corvette Restorers Society is now judging modified and customized C1-C4 Corvettes. The NCRS judging standard for restored Corvettes is "the way it left the factory, no better, and no worse." This new program is called the NCRS Concours Judging. The NCRS has taken this bold step to include more Corvettes. It is now possible to have your stock-appearing Corvette that has a crate motor under the hood, judged by NCRS using an approach that is similar to that used for judging restored Corvettes. Likewise, if you have a resto-mod or custom, it now qualifies for NCRS Concours Judging. There are two divisions in the Concours program. The Stock Division includes all Corvettes that are basically stock-appearing (fiberglass, body paint color, etc.) with the hood, doors and trunk closed; wheels and tires may be non-OEM in the Stock Division. The Modified Division includes any modified Corvette that does not qualify for the Stock Division. This program will evaluate five distinct sections: Operations, Interior, Exterior, Mechanical and Chassis. Appearance is the only aspect judged in this program. Originality will not be a judging component. The owner can modify and customize their Corvette as they desire and not be subject to any originality penalty. Because originality is not a component of the new judging system, Trim Tags and Service Parts Labels will not be evaluated, in fact, those two items do not even need to be on the car (subject of course, to local laws and regulations). However, all cars must have been born as a Corvette, have an original VIN Tag, and have a title/vehicle registration that states the car is a Corvette ( i.e. no kit cars). NCRS will offer two different awards in each of the divisions. The awards for the Stock Division are named NCRS Blue Ribbon Award and NCRS Red Ribbon Award. For the Modified Division, the awards are named NCRS 427 Award and NCRS 327 Award.

At this year's Corvettes at Carlisle the NCRS judged two of the Vette Rods from Chip's Choice Display.

*\*See Award Ribbons at left.*

2018 Corvettes @ Carlisle/ Carlisleevents.com

Blue & Red



Black



# RPM NEWSLETTER ADS

Any PTSC member can list any Corvette parts that they may have for sale or their parts “wish list” free of charge. Just email me the information and I will make sure to publish it in the next Newsletter. Your requests will remain in future Newsletters unless your item is sold or you tell me to remove it.

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*Box 92*

*McClellandtown, Pa. 15458*

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*Thank you!*

\*PTSC NCRS Embroidered Apparel is available at all of our Chapter Events, in limited sizes, colors and quantities. For a wider selection please go to the Apparel link on our Chapter Website. [www.ncrspitt.com](http://www.ncrspitt.com)

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

	<p align="center"><b>SUNDAY</b> <b>MARCH 10, 2019</b></p> <p align="center"><b>9:00AM-2:00 PM</b></p>	
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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	Dealer vs Collector auctions – Bryan & Kuhns
10:15	State of the Corvette investment industry - Kuhns
12:00	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

**REGISTER NO LATER THAN March 1, 2019**

**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  
Membership Application  
Please Print**



Name:		Spouse's Name:	
Street Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Email Address:			
NCRS Membership #:		Home Phone:	
NCRS Member Since:		Cell Phone:	
<b>Jr member #1's Name:</b>		<b>Jr member #2's Name:</b>	
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:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Judging	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
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Please describe any talents or abilities that you may contribute to the success of our chapter.			
<p><b>You must be an active member of the NCRS, Inc. to qualify for chapter membership and please include NCRS number on this application.</b> Chapter dues are \$20 payable upon application and renewed each June 1.</p> <p><b>Make checks payable to:</b> Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter, NCRS Mail to: Judy Geary 117 Caldwell Dr Jeannette, PA 15644</p>			
Signature:		Date:	
Direct any questions to Judy Geary at 724-834-5586 or email at gearyjt@comcast.net			

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**Hope to see you at one of our 2019 events.**