

# 2023 PTSC ANNUAL TECHNICAL SEMINAR & JUDGING SCHOOL

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On Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> our Chapter held its' annual March Technical Seminar and Judging School in Latrobe, Pa. at John Kuhn's Garage. This was our second year at John's "**Specialty Cars Limited**" showroom. John's son John Ross is co-owner and he too welcomes us with open arms. We had a really great turnout of about 32 members. As he always does John pulls out all the stops when he hosts an event at his place. This year was no exception.

After I welcomed everyone, judging chair Bill Bryan went over the agenda for the day. Then introduced our special guest

presenter. National 68-72 NCRS Team Leader Chuck Berge made the trip up from Virginia to speak to our members about the NCRS Bowtie Award Process. After listening to Chuck its clear to see why this Award is so special.

In the photo above at the right member Bob Cirilli got the ball rolling with a neat exercise on testing your Corvette knowledge. He asked the group a series of 35 questions about the Corvette from 1953 thru 2023. It was interesting to see how hard everyone was thinking about what the correct answer would be. The hardest part was trying to keep everyone from yelling out the answer if they knew it, just like they did in school. (*'come on' we all did it!*) Most were shocked at how many questions they *didn't* get correct. Good thing the tests weren't graded.

After Bob's opening exercise Chuck Berge went over the Bowtie Award process with the group. He used the '63 that Bill brought to point out original & non-original items. The beautiful 1963 Corvette was loaned by owner Jonathan Holtz.

Don Geary, the **Altoona Regional Chairman** gave us an update of the regional registrations to date and we are doing very well. Please register your car soon because the classes are filling up quickly. Also, we need chapter help so please contact Don if you haven't already. The chapter will provide meals for all chapter workers.

Mike Bucheit gave an update on the regional sponsorships to date as well.

Lunch was catered again this year and yes, it featured the now "**PTSC famous meatloaf**" that everyone always asks John about. Another chapter favorite is Vice Chair Brooke's "**also PTSC now famous macaroni salad**" made the menu as well. Needless to say, no one left with an empty belly! John even had some take-out containers on hand. Special thanks to John Kuhns and his son John Ross for opening up their showroom for this event. They always make everyone feel right at home. Also, thanks to Chuck Berge for taking time from his busy schedule to come up to Latrobe to present, and share his expertise and knowledge with all of us. Bob Cirilli for his presentation. Finally, thanks to our very own judging chairman Bill Bryan for organizing this Seminar/Judging Event. He never fails to make sure we have a full agenda for the day, and everyone leaves knowing a bit more about the judging and technical aspect of the NCRS and our Corvettes. Needless to say, everyone had a great time. *JP*