

PTSC ANNUAL MINI MEET and JUDGING SCHOOL

at STAHL'S ALL COLLECTOR AUTOS in Bedford, Pa.

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On Sunday April 27th our chapter held its annual Mini Meet and Judging School at Stahl's All Collector Autos in Bedford. It was a real nice spring Sunday morning and we about 17 members show up along with a couple guests. Three members drove their Corvettes; Bill Bryan, Don Geary and Dana Smith.

First thing in the morning after Vice Chair Mike Bucheit welcomed everyone our Judging Chair Bill Bryan led the judging school. Bill touched on two major areas; the first being engine block casting numbers, where they are located as well as the cylinder case stamp pads and "broach marks". He went over how to correctly take deductions if they are not correct. He had an example of a head in the back of a truck there for all to see up close.

His second area for discussion was how to correctly judge paint. He went over the NCRS Paint Flow Chart with everyone and again, explained how to correctly take deductions if needed. What was really unique for everyone, was the fact that we had a very nicely restored Corvette as well as a real nice unrestored original Corvette to make comparisons with. Sample scoring sheets, NCRS Paint Chart, NCRS Standard Deduction Guidelines and the NCRS CDCIF judging condition information cards were passed out to everyone in attendance.

After the school the group was divided up into four groups. One for each judged area; exterior, interior, chassis and mechanical. Each group was led by an experienced judge. Bill made sure that only two groups were at only one car at a time. This gave everyone an opportunity to observe and ask questions.

We had two awesome Corvettes registered to judge. A beautifully restored 1965 Black 396 convertible owned by Dylan Stahl and a really nice original unrestored Yellow 1966 427 coupe owned by Marco Pompeo. Both Corvettes received well deserved Top Flight Awards.

Each year everyone who attends this event seems to really enjoy this process. It seems that everyone learns something new about the judging process whether they are experienced or not. Bill does a really nice job organizing this meet each year for us.

Dylan, his daughter Chloe and sister Morgan provided the lunch and refreshments for everyone as they so graciously do every year. We can't thank them enough for their hospitality.

We'd also like to thank Bill Bryan our judging chairman, Don Geary for bringing the donuts, Mike Bucheit for providing the coffee and to all the members who attended.

Finally, a special PTSC thank you to the car owners for registering their Corvettes. Without the cars we wouldn't be able to have this event, and to Dylan for inviting and opening up his garage for us.

It is our goal as a chapter to make sure that this mini meet is a pleasant learning experience for both the car owners and members who attend. We hope that everyone goes home with a little more knowledge about the NCRS judging process than they had before they came. I think I can safely say that we accomplished our goal today. **JP**