

PTSC Annual Spring Tech Seminar and Judging School at John Kuhn's Garage

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On Sunday March 9, our chapter held its first event of the year. It was our annual Tech Seminar and Judging School at John Kuhn's garage in Latrobe. "Specialty Cars Limited".

There were 35 members in attendance including a few guests. This being our first event each year, this one always seems to bring everyone out. Especially, after the harsh winter we had in our area this year. Our judging chairman Bill Bryan put together another great agenda. After coffee and donuts our new Chairwoman, Brooke Madeira welcomed everyone, followed then by Bill going over the day's agenda with everyone.

Mark Madeira of **Mirrock Corvettes** held the Tech Session focusing on C4 engine drivetrain configurations through the years, titled "*C4 Drivetrain Evolution*". His power point presentation led the group through the various engine packages, both standard and specialty high performance packages throughout the C4 generation.

Just to note a couple of the special/high performance options mentioned were the Calloway C4 Corvettes as well as the LT5 Engine packages. Mark discussed the various transmissions available in the C4 generation as well. Mark and Brooke also brought their C4 cut-a-way car as an added attraction and awesome example of C4 technology inside and out. Mark culminated his presentation by showing a video of him and Brooke tearing down a C4 at their business to part out. Mark mentioned to everyone that if everything goes as planned with few interruptions, it takes them about 8 hours to complete the process. (Of course, the video was sped up for our benefit and to save time...the video is out there on YouTube). Here is the link. <https://youtu.be/4DldVjPM0M>

Following a great catered lunch of most everybody's favorite "meat loaf" and Brooke's "famous macaroni salad" Don Geary and Norm Neffield held a brief auction of a few Corvette parts/tools from the late chapter member George Whipkey's collection as a favor and benefit to his wife Pat.

Thanks to everyone for their generous and spirited participation during the auction which made \$530.00 for Pat. Oh yes, and by the way, Bill Bryan may have found a new profession to fall back on after he retires as judging chairman, that would be as an Auctioneer!

After the auction Vice Chairman, Mike Bucheit held the one-point Judging school that focused on "Matching Numbers". He went over the process of where to look for them as well as what the term matching numbers actually mean. He provided everyone with a detailed packet of information as he always does, and provided time for questions.

Finally, a special thank you to John Kuhns for opening up his beautiful garage to our chapter once again. He provided the coffee, donuts and ordered the catered lunch. There was plenty of food for everyone. His hospitality was once again second to none. Thanks to Mark and Mike for presenting and to Bill for organizing the event. It was certainly nice to see some new members, as well as a few non-member guests. Hopefully, they will decide to join the NCRS and our PTSC. Thanks to all who came! *JP*