

Annual Tech Seminar & Judging School at Specialty Cars Limited, Latrobe Pa.

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We all know that the month of March here in SW Pa. is very unpredictable. This year is certainly no different. On Sunday, March 10th we held our first event of 2024 at *Specialty Cars Limited* in Latrobe, Pa. owned and operated by PTSC member John Kuhns and his son John Ross. The weather was cold, windy and snowy on and off all day. Therefore, keeping all the Corvettes in hibernation for a little while longer. The week before the temperature was in the 60's & 70's with plenty of sunshine and all the attendees were talking that they were planning to drive their Corvettes to this event.

Despite the weather we had a very nice turn out of around 33 members. Our judging chairman, Bill Bryan invited NCRS member and Indiana Chapter Chairman, Mike Treece to come and present a seminar on C1, C2 & C3 dashboards and gauges. As many of you know Mike is well known for his many informative Virtual Judging Schools over the last few years.

Mike's power point presentation covered the many similarities and variations of the three generation dashboards, knobs, gauges, shifters, switches and optional equipment. His vast knowledge level was over the top. It's unimaginable as to how much work, research and preparation he put into these presentations. The side-by-side photo catalog was just amazing. Everyone certainly left the seminar knowing a lot more about these cars than before they came.

After a delicious catered lunch of "everyone's favorite meatloaf buffet" and Brooke Madeira's "now famous" macaroni salad I gave a power point on judging the C6 Corvettes, for the one - point judging school. This is the newest generation permitted to be judged. I used Pete Bergman's power-point slides that he and Mark Tulley presented at French Lick last year. (Of course, I asked for his permission before hand, to which he granted it.) I kept to his script per his wishes. Why re-invent the wheel, right?

It certainly opened the eyes of our long-time judges as to what these cars are going to be like to judge as we move forward. "What a huge contrast it was after listening to Mike's C1-C3 generation presentation in the morning session"

Thanks to Mike Treece for making the 5 1/2-hour drive to present. Thanks to John & John Ross for their hospitality and allowing us to hold our first event at their place every year. Also, thanks to our judging chairman, Bill Bryan for putting together another informative event, its not easy to try to come up with something different each time that our members will benefit from.

Finally, a special thanks to all those members who attended. Its always nice to see everyone after a long winter season. Enjoy the photos! *JP*