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National Corvette Restorers Society**

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## PTSC HOSTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL JUDGING MEET AT B&D CREEKSIDE ACTIVITY CENTER IN LATROBE, JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>!



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## **Chairman's Message:**



Summer has definitely arrived here in McClellandtown this week. The temperature is expected to get up into the high 90's maybe even reach 100 degrees. Time to get the Corvettes out and drive them. This is also car show time in our area, so if you can try to take in a few of those. I've included many of the more popular ones in this newsletter.

As I write this, we just complete our annual judging meet at the B&D Creekside Activity Center in Latrobe, and I must say that it was one the largest collection of flight cars we ever had at this event. Thanks to all the owners, judges, tabulators and most importantly our sponsors.

Enjoy the photos and write up on page 14. The beautiful Corvettes that keep showing up year after year for our events is simply astonishing.

The mini meet and judging school up at Stahl's All Collector Auto in Bedford in April, was also a success as was our little spring road trip to the LasSalle Engine Shop in Breezewood. (articles and photo later in the RPM).

Let's not forget that we have two open board positions to fill this year. The Vice-Chairman and Treasurer spots are open for someone to step up and volunteer. Brooke will assume the Chairman's job and Norm will be stepping down from the treasurer's position. If anyone is interested, please contact Bob Cirilli or me at any time to express your interest. More importantly I'd like to invite all interested parties to attend the July board meeting or a future meeting so that we get to know you.

Next up on our events list is our annual Picnic and membership meeting. It will be held again this year at Indian Lake Park, North Huntingdon, Pa. Registration form is attached to this newsletter.

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to announce that our PTSC will once again host an NCRS Regional Meet in 2026. The date June 4-7, 2026 has been approved by the national board. It will be held at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona. Don Geary will once again Chair the event. We are still in the planning stages, so mark your calendars and plan to volunteer! **JP**

## **Judging Chairman's Message:**



Wow!!! What a great chapter meet we just had at the B&D Activity Center in Latrobe Pa. We had 11 flight cars, one concourse and six sportsmen on display and ready for judging. All the judges were certainly busy for the day. Everyone did a fine job and we completed judging, tabulation, and gave out awards around 4:00 p.m. I want to thank ALL the judges for their hard work and I do really appreciate the car owners for bringing us the wonderful cars to judge. A special thank you to the tabulators. Great job ladies!

Especially, thank you John Kuhns for getting all the sponsors that help to make the B&D show a success!

### **Judging Tips:**

I would like to suggest to all judges, when you come to a meet always bring a mirror and a good flashlight to use on the judging floor. Some of the more experienced judges have a small briefcase with information they will need during judging,

For example, in my case I have the most current edition of the "judging reference manual" (9<sup>th</sup> Edition), a CDCIF and condition guide sheet. The new paint judging guide, the standard deduction sheet and possibly judging guides for the years I may be assigned to judge at a Regional or at the NCRS National events. As you gain more experience you should be able to judge by the knowledge you've learned over time and won't always need to read the manuals word for word. Much, if not all of this is discussed in our judging schools throughout the year.

Next up in judging events, is our annual meet at Greenwoods Hubbard Chevrolet in Hubbard, Ohio. On October 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>. Please, everyone sign up early online at "NCRS.org" or by mailing the registration form to me, I do appreciate early registrations, it helps in planning car judging and the judges' assignments. Our Hubbard Ohio meet is always a great time, ask anyone who has ever attended one.

That is all for now, please enjoy your corvettes all summer.

**Bill Bryan**

## Calling All Members !!!

I hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and enjoying another season. I know you're all thinking "Ok what does he want now"? Well, you are right I do want something. We as a club have been very successful. We have had a core group managing the club for a long time now. We have lost some key members and the business meetings have gotten smaller every year but the activities are holding or growing in attendance. Every club I am in is shrinking and on the verge of shutting down every year. Our NCRS chapter is no different, we honestly need your help and need to have a couple of members come forward and run for an office. This year we need a Vice-chair and a Treasurer. Brooke is Vice-chair and will be our first female Chairman next year. The Vice-chair is a training position and many of us have done it. You can too! The Treasurer position is the heart beat of the club. Norm has been in that position for 13 years and just can't do it anymore. I am sure he will assist anyone taking the position. So please after reading this contact me or Jim and volunteer. You have our email. The board is also planning to host another Regional in June 2026. Won't you be an active part of the chapters' future?

Thank you, Robert Cirilli, Nominating Committee Contact

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## Remaining PTSC Events Calendar 2024

- August 11 (Sunday)     **Annual Picnic / Membership Meeting** at Indian Lake Park, North Huntingdon, Pa.  
\*Coordinators: Frank Gavron/Paul DiSanto
- Sept. 14&15 (Sat./Sun) **Fall Road Tour** to Zippo Lighters and Case Knife Factory and Museum, Bradford, Pa.  
\*Coordinator: Mike Bucheit *(Note: Date change from the previous Calendar!)*
- Oct. 19&20 (Sat./Sun) **PTSC Judged Event** at Greenwood's Hubbard Chevrolet, Hubbard, Ohio  
\*Coordinators: Bill Bryan/Ken Jelley
- December 8 (Sun.)     **Annual Holiday Banquet/Membership Meeting** at Rizzo's Malabar Inn, Crabtree, Pa.  
Coordinator: Don Geary *(Note: this is a date change from the previous Calendar!)*

**Note: Dates/Events are subject to change at the discretion of the BOD.**



**Annual Spring Mini Meet/Judging School at  
Stahl's All Collector Auto 2024**

*Write up & photos: Jimmy Patitucci*

The morning started off a little shaky weather wise up in Bedford. It was really foggy and very cool to start and complete the operations on the two Corvettes registered. You'll be able to see the fog in one of the photos. However, before we finished the sun came out and the temperature rose up into the 80's. As everyone knows, or should know we use this event each year as a small group mini meet with only two cars. Bill Bryan divided up the 15 members in attendance into two smaller groups. He led a group and went over Chassis and Exterior judging procedures. I led the second group in Interior and Mechanical judging procedures. We try to provide a relaxed learning environment for those less experienced with the judging process. Allowing for plenty of opportunity to ask questions and share knowledge. There is always something to learn, no matter how many judging points you've earned over the years. At least I find this to be true. We had two really beautiful 1963 Split Window Fuel Injection Corvettes to judge. A Silver Blue owned by Dylan and a Tuxedo Black owned by Scott Cornish. After all the judging both cars earned a Top Flight .After lunch Bill held the judging school on the "operations judging" process. He used one of Dylan's other Corvettes, a nice Black 67 small block convertible as an aide. He went right down all the items on the '67 Judging Scoring Sheet and explained each in detail, and explained how and when to take deductions if necessary. All-in-all I think that everyone had a good time, and hopefully gained some valuable judging knowledge in the process. We did have a few members drive their Corvettes and you can see those cars in the photos. Special thanks to Dylan & family for hosting us and providing the pizza and refreshments for lunch. Thank you, Mike Bucheit for bringing the coffee/coffee makers and all the condiments to go with it!!!!Thanks to our judging chairman, Bill Bryan for once again organizing the event. *(Don't forget he is always open for any and all suggestions you may have for topics to be discussed at future events. Just give him a call.)*More importantly thanks to the owners for registering their cars and to all who attended.

*JP*

***A foggy cool start to the day during OPS judging.***



***Dylan's Silver Blue 1963 FI Coupe***



***Scott's Tuxedo Black 1963 FI Coupe***



**Jim & Bill at Registration/Tabulation**



**Barry checking out the Fuel Injection**



**Bill's Operations Judging School captive audience!**



**Bill presenting!**



**Congrats Scott! Top Flight Awarded**



**Congrats Dylan! Top Flight Awarded**



**Bill & I presenting Dylan the PTSC Appreciation Plaque!**



## Corvettes Driven to the Event

**Dave Kitch's C8**



(814)285-1779



**Bernie Fedak's 2024 Z06**



**Bob Cirilli's Orange C8 & Chris Mahane's Black Coupe**





## Membership News:

By: Judy Geary, Membership Chairman



*As of our June meeting we have 126 members. With two new members pending.*

*Please welcome our newest members:*

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*Chapter dues are \$20.00 and renewed each June 1<sup>st</sup>. Make checks payable to: Pittsburgh Tri State Chapter, NCRS. Mail to: Judy Geary 117 Caldwell Drive, Jeanette, Pa. 154644. Dues can also be paid using PayPal. **Keep in mind: You must be an active paid -up member of the NCRS, Inc. to qualify for chapter membership. Please include your NCRS number when joining or renewing your chapter membership. Also make sure you update your email address with us and the National NCRS so you can continue to receive important emails and the Newsletter!***

## Spring Road Tour to LaSalle Engine Shop

Write up: Don Geary/Photos: Jimmy Patitucci



We started the road trip in brilliant sunshine and 70 degrees, on route 30 in Greensburg. By the time we reached the summit of Laurel Mountain it was foggy and cool. Our road tour at this point included four generations of corvettes, a 1954, a 1973, a 2017 and a 2023. The C1 was a convertible with the top down and at 50 mph and 59 degrees it was COLD. The fog gradually cleared and we made our way along the Lincoln Highway through historic Bedford, past the site of the old ship hotel on top of Allegheny Mountain at Grand View Point, past Shawnee State Park and on to Breezewood. It was a comfortable smooth ride except for Barney in the 1954 who was cold by the time we reached Lasalle's.

We met the rest of our group at Lasalle's including a C8 and a Ferrari. So, we had 4 generations of corvettes, a Ferrari and a total of 12 members and guests. Chuck Lasalle and his wife met us outside and marveled at the cars in his parking lot. The Ferrari looked remarkably like the C8's.

Chuck gave us the grand tour of his shop including his dyno machine and all of the specialty machines for repairing and building all kinds of engines from 4 cyl to huge diesel truck and tractor engines. Chuck specializes in racing engines for short track oval racing and related his experiences in racing himself with a lot of the NASCAR early racers. Chuck employs 10 full time engine specialists for all the components of today's vehicles.

After the tour we went to a local fire hall where they were having a car cruise with a live band and all kinds of homemade food. What a great opportunity to join the show, eat some good food and support the local Breezewood fire department. We even met the mayor of Breezewood.

On the return trip, Barney had the '54 top up, and we stopped at the Flight 93 Rose Garden. The garden is a 50- acre park across RT 30 from the entrance to Flight 93. It was presented originally by some of the families of the victims. It features hundreds of roses and multiple benches for reflecting around a central fountain and pool. This is a nice quiet park for all to reflect and enjoy nature. There is a short hiking trail where you can view a couple pieces of the plane itself under a cross in the field. The park is privately funded and maintained by volunteers and open to the public.

Once again, we had a great time enjoying our cars and the fellowship of members and guests. A big thank you goes out to Mike Bucheit who organized this trip.



Chuck (L) talking to the group about what they do!







**Chuck explaining the Dyno to Barney**



**Inside the Dyno control booth**

**He rebuilds boat engines too! John & Bill looking on!**



**More photos from the tour on the next page**



**Presenting Chuck with our PTSC Appreciation Plaque and Gift  
Mike Bucheit - Chuck LaSalle & Me !**

**Corvettes Driven on the tour...**



**Can you spot the Ferrari in the line below?**



**(L) Reflecting pool & fountain with names of crash victims on the circle of stones. The roses weren't in bloom yet on this day!**

## *The Two Thousand Dollar Freeze Plug (Revisited)!*

Article submitted for inclusion by Michael Bucheit #41580

A few years ago, my wife and I bought a 1954 Corvette.

Someone had either kept it up or due to a heating problem (that we were soon to discover) didn't use it much. The car was in fairly good shape although many replacements had been made over the years with incorrect parts. The next few years a lot of time, money and headaches went into educating myself about the early Corvettes and trying to track down what was correct for my car. The one problem over the years I just couldn't get a handle on was the overheating. I could drive the car for about fifteen minutes before it would get hot and eventually boil over it was a warm day. On a cool day it would get to just under boiling and stay there unless I had to idle, then it would start to lose the coolant until there wasn't enough in the engine to sustain that precarious temperature and it would boil over.

I tried everything. I had the radiator rotted out. I changed all the coolant hoses. I rebuilt the water pump. I had the head boiled out and magged for cracks. The valve timing was checked and rechecked. I replaced the fan belt, thermostat, radiator cap, and head gasket.

Finally, I had exhausted my capabilities and decided it was time to consult the professionals. I drove to the Chevy dealer in hopes they would succeed where I had failed. They were very confident and told me I could pick the car up in a week.

Friday rolled around, I called and was told they would need the car for another week. Another phone call, another week, etc. Six weeks later I picked up the car. On the way home, the call boiled over. I was fit to be tied. Back to the Chevy dealer I went. Another week went by and even though I told the dealer I put a new head gasket on the car, they said it needed one. They proceeded to pull the engine apart and found I was right. At this point it was obvious they didn't know how to fix the problem any more than I did. They were just guessing at my expense. So, after persuading the service manager that a few minor adjustments to the bill were in order we took the car home.

The only thing I hadn't done yet was to pull the engine block out to see if there could possibly be something clogging it. In the process of taking the water pump adapter off I noticed that the block had three openings in the front of it. Two holes, which are about the size of quarters and are horizontal to each other and a third a little larger than a silver dollar centered below.

Upon close examination of the holes and the gasket configuration I could not understand how the water pump could pump any water through the engine. The two top holes were open with a freeze plug in the third opening.

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The gasket and adapter plate covered the two top holes and left the third hole (with freeze plug in it) exposed when bolted up. This only left a small BB sized plate. The freeze plug looked like it had been there forever. Now I was left with the dilemma of whether or not the freeze plug should be there. I had never rebuilt one of these engines before so I needed to get some expert help.

I had just joined the NCRS and didn't know anyone with more knowledge of the differences between the Corvette and the regular Chevy engines. Half a dozen long distance calls later I was given Roy Braatz's phone number. I called Roy, explained my predicament and asked if he had any experience with the water pump adapter plate on the six cylinders. Luck had finally come my way as he said he had just had his pump and adapter off his car. He could remember he didn't have a freeze plug on the front of his engine, that it should not have one, and told me to remove it.

I popped the freeze plug out and put the engine back together. To my delight the car doesn't even get close to getting hot now. We reasoned that someone had mistakenly put the plug in the bottom hole thinking that it was to be used for a (passenger) car instead of the (Corvette). The passenger car only uses the two top holes as water passages. The Corvette uses the adapter plate to lower the water pump and block off the two top holes in the lower lined car.

Although this plug has cost me thousands of dollars and countless hours, I should be glad the plug was put in. Everyone that owned this car had a heating problem with it. It may not have been for sale if it hadn't been a problem for its previous owners. I was fortunate enough to be the owner that was able to solve it. I'm going to have the freeze plug plated and save it for a souvenir for my wife to wear to the next meet. She agrees, but only if its gold plated.

Hopefully this article will save someone else from going through the trouble and expense I have.

**By: Emory Molchan, WA.**

**"Reason for revisiting the older article and why I thought it still relevant today?"**

"I had the same problem with the engine from my NCRS friend Barney's 54 Corvette.

The engine builder, unfamiliar with the Corvette 6-cylinder Blue Flame Engine, installed a **Freeze Plug** behind the water pump adapter and then he installed the water pump.

The engine quickly heated up and caused the block to crack.

*LaSalle Engines* discovered the problem with the **Freeze Plug** and quickly realized that antifreeze could not flow into the engine.

*LaSalle Engines* stitched the crack and everything is now working perfectly.

Non- Corvette 6-cylinder engines had a different water pump configuration.

Conclusion: Just like the original article author noted... "I hope this tech article revisit helps save other owners/restorers from going through this same trouble, expense and added STRESS!"

*Mike*



***Note: We visited LaSalle Engine shop in Breezewood, P. in May. See article and photos on previous pages 8-10***





NCRS will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the 2024 Convention in Hampton Roads and we are planning some very special events to honor this milestone, including reflections on our long history from surviving founding members. A very special welcome reception is being planned, more details to come later, along with other surprises and activities. A special 50th anniversary remembrance will be given to all registrants. Don't miss this milestone event, registration opens February 1<sup>st</sup>.



A city with an old soul and a youthful enthusiasm. A Coastal Virginia vacation destination with fascinating sites to see and interesting things to do. A convention city with flexible facilities and a confident, can-do attitude. Situated in the middle of the Hampton Roads region and the heart of the Mid-Atlantic, Hampton welcomes vacationers and meeting attendees alike with charming hospitality, multifaceted attractions and activities and an atmosphere of discovery.

Considering Hampton's coastal heritage, fresh and local isn't a trend. It's a way of life. We were built on our connection with the sea and the local watermen and farmers who bring the freshest ingredients from the docks and farms to your table. From craft breweries to incredible family- and chef-operated restaurants to every fast-food option imaginable, you'll never have the same meal twice.

#### NCRS to Honor American Heritage Candidates and Previous Recipients at its 50th Anniversary National Convention in 2024

All current owners of Corvettes that previously received the prestigious NCRS American Heritage Award and candidates for that award in 2024 are invited to be part of a special display of these unique cars at the NCRS National Convention in August 2024. This will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1974 founding of the NCRS. All participants will be honored by special placement in the show hall and they will be presented with a commemorative plaque to memorialize this display.

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The 50th Anniversary NCRS Convention and National Corvette show is rapidly approaching.

The Convention will be held in Hampton Roads Virginia at the Convention center August 4-8, 2024

As in the past the Advantage lift company is sponsoring and supplying two brand new lifts for the Convention.

This is a unique opportunity to purchase a heavy duty 4 post above ground lift at a big saving.

The model is Advantage HD-9, 9,000lb capacity ALL certified heavy-duty lift. The lift includes a set of drip trays, a rolling jack tray and a set of caster wheels.

The lifts are being offered at below wholesale cost for \$5,000. each. The lifts must be removed by the end of Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup>.

For information or questions contact Mark Tulley at [MTULLEYLIFTMAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MTULLEYLIFTMAN@GMAIL.COM) OR CALL 516-841-6376

#### NCRS Specific Club Area Reminder: Bill Sangrey

Please communicate to your chapter members that registration for **the NCRS specific club area** on the Corvettes at Carlisle show field this year is still open. We have reached the minimum of 25 registrants which guarantees the NCRS club area with a tent provided by Carlisle Events. This area will be separate from, should not be confused with and does not conflict with the Delaware Valley Chapter's NCRS Gallery. It only provides an opportunity for members to park their Corvette and socialize other NCRS members. Anyone driving their Corvette to Corvettes @ Carlisle can register for the NCRS Club area on the show field. But registration for the NCRS Club area with a 10% discount closes July 10th. We will have water available and shade available. Plus, various NCRS officers and leaders will be scheduled to be at the tent to meet and talk with members. Bring your lawn chairs for under the tent - no cars will be under the tent. Any questions can be directed to **Bill Sangrey at 717-609-5983**.

## **Our PTSC Annual Judging Event at B&D Creekside Activity Center, Latrobe, Pa.**

*Write Up: Don Geary*

*Photos: Jimmy Patitucci, Don Geary & Bob Stokes*

We held our summer annual chapter meet this past weekend at B&D Activity Center, in Latrobe, Pa. and it was a huge success. As always, it was a two- day event with Ops Judging followed by a Judging school on Friday evening, then a full day of judging on Saturday. Much to our surprise we had the biggest chapter judging event for our chapter in the history of the chapter. Some stats: 11 Flight cars, 1 Concours car, 6 Sportsman cars, 26 Judges, 4 Tabulators and 22 attended the Friday judging school.

We also got 4 new chapter members from the event.



***In the photo above our chapter judging chairman (Maroon Cap) Bill Bryan addresses the owners and judges before the judging starts.***





***Above (below left) Mike Bucheit presented the judging school on Friday evening. Mike's presentation focused on Lunn Laminates, Molded Fiberglass (MFG) pioneers of many applications for fiberglass-reinforced plastics. The most famous of these applications was the Chevrolet Corvette.***



***The welcoming committee: L-R John Kuhns, Norm Neffield, Jim Wainwright, Bill Bryan, Don Geary***



*The details of the meet are as follows:  
10 Top Flight cars:*

1957 Lewis Gainfort

1961 Dana Smith

1962 Duane Gomish

1963 Dylan Stahl (Also furthest driven award).

1963 John Putzier (Also furthest trailed car award.)

1965 Lewis Gainfort

1966 Frank Krasovic

1967 Mike Bucheit

1967 Bill Bryan

1994 John Naylor

1 Second Flight - 1969 Larry Boyer

1 Concours 427 Award: 1998 Bob Thompson

6 Sportsman awards: Don Geary, Jim Patitucci, Mike Bucheit and John Kuhns (3)







**Our Tabulators: (L-R) Sandy Stokes, Linda Neffield, Judy Geary & Pat Holmes**



Overall, the event was amazing in the B&D Activity Center because it was all indoors and carpeted. The center is a huge building with high roof and used for dog agility training. The Steelers have practiced here on occasion during spring training when the weather was not conducive to outdoor training. A big THANK YOU goes out to the car owners because we wouldn't have a meet without you. Also, THANKS to all the PTSC chapter members who judged, tabbed, got sponsors, etc., to make this event a success. *Don*





*John Kuhns' three Sportsman cars!*



*Don Geary's 2017 Zo6/ My '73 Sportsman Cars*



**B&D Creekside Activity Center**

**501 Avenue B Latrobe, Pa. 15650**

**724-532-2121**

**[Bndcreeksideactivitycenter.com](http://Bndcreeksideactivitycenter.com)**





**Sponsors,**

A very large part of any judging meet is being able to obtain sponsors to help cover some of the cost of putting on an exemplary meet like this. Member, John Kuhns was able to garner 8 fairly local sponsors at \$100.00 each to have their banners on display. I've decided to include them in the following pages.

**Thank you, John & Sponsors!**

*See more photos on our website and our FACEBOOK page!*



**Thank you Darlene!**





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## Upcoming NCRS Events

### NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- August 4 - 8, 2024 - NCRS National Convention, Hampton Roads, VA
- October 17-19, 2024 – Lone Star Regional, Frisco, TX
- September 7-11, 2025 - NCRS National, South Pointe Casino, Las Vegas, NV



## *From the Editor,*

It gives me great pleasure to announce that our PTSC Chapter Newsletter RPM was awarded the Golden Quill Award again for 2023. I'd like to thank all those members who submit technical articles, Corvette stories, photographs and Classified Items throughout the year. I couldn't do it without you all! Remember that it's your Newsletter too! **JP**

### **Other Award winners:**

Vinnie Peters- The Corvette Restorer & Driveline Magazines -NCRS National

Ed Vignone- The Bonding Strip- NCRS Southern California Chapter

Tom Komendera- The Vette Signal- NCRS Michigan Chapter

Dennis Dalton- High Plains Shifter-NCRS Rocky Mountain Chapter

Jimmy Patitucci- **RPM**- NCRS Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter

Reba Whittington – Redline Times-NCRS Carolinas Chapter

### **Honorable Mention**

The (Late) Lynn Skipper – The Fuel Line- NCRS Florida Chapter



## **Annual Cost for Newsletter Business Ads**

**\$20.00 for a Business Card**

**\$40.00 for ¼ page ad**

**\$60.00 for ½ page ad**

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**Charges are due each quarter.**

**Ads should be emailed to the editor**

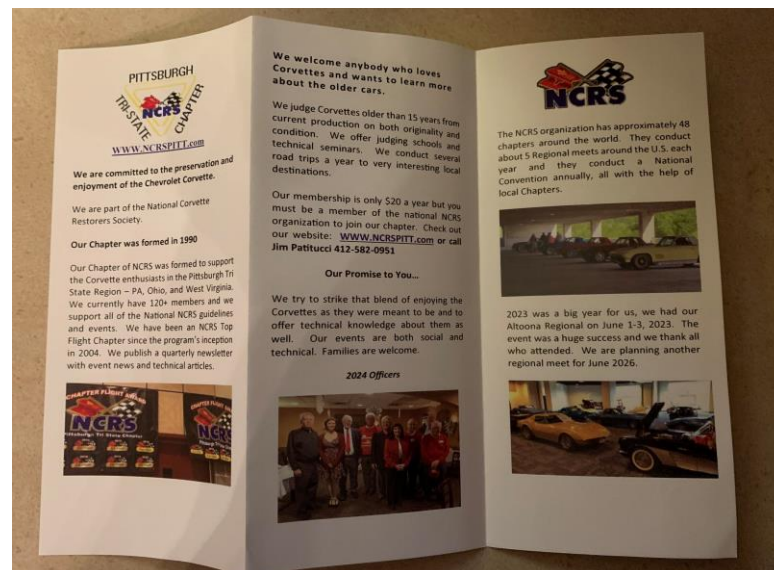
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We now have a very nice **Tri-Fold PTSC/NCRS Brochure** thanks to the efforts of **Don Geary** with help from **Jim Wainwright!** Look for these at all of our upcoming events. Just stop by the registration table, or ask any board member.



## RPM Classifieds:

### **FREE: !!!!!**

#### Books:

1. Corvette Portrait of a Legend by Richard Langworth
2. Corvette America's Legend by Terry Jackson
3. Corvette America's Supercar by Terry Jackson
4. Fact Book of the 1968-1972 Stingray by M.F. Dobbins
5. Corvette - The Complete Illustrated History by Jim Campisano
6. Building the Next Corvette

#### Parts:

1. Alternator core - 1100693 37 A 5K26
2. cast iron exhaust manifold - LH 387265 GM "SCC 8-20-87"
3. AC Delco fuel pump (needs a rebuild of course) "3(?)15K40018
4. 4.25" pulley #25503831 GM "front" marked on face
5. clutch fork
6. C2 windshield washer bottle support bracket (probably repro)
7. Caliper mounting bracket (Could be C2 or 3 - no way for me to tell)
8. cast iron idler arm (again C2 or 3?)
9. Rochester carb -piece of scrap to use for parts or boat anchor?

### **NOT FREE:**

1. Firestone Super Sport Wide Oval F70-15 tire.

This is the original spare off of my low mileage 72. It has never been outside of the spare tub, never been on the ground and has never seen sunlight.

\$500 or make me an offer. I am wildly guessing here as to its true value.

2. 1972 only T3 headlights, 2 high and 2 low beams, were bought a couple of decades ago from John Pirkle. You all remember him as the "go to" alternator guy. I will test them again (last time was when I received them decades ago) if there is interest.

\$500 for the set or make me an offer. Again, this is a w.a.g. and I have no clue as to their true value.

3. NAPA clutch kit # 1104049. NIB. \$100

Gary Schisler #21316

412-716-0833

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#### For Sale:

1964/66 steering wheel with hub, NOS AC fuel pump PN 40083, 1963 NOS steering knuckle, 1965/67 wiper motor PN 5044602 restored, 1963/64 non DOT tire and wheel General Jet Aire 670x15. Howard Baker, 330-638-2264 or [HLBAKER1@AOL.COM](mailto:HLBAKER1@AOL.COM)

### ***PTSC Embroidered Apparel***



**Contact: Bob Stokes**

**412-600-7727**

[robert.stokes@verizon.net](mailto:robert.stokes@verizon.net)

**Reminder:** All PTSC members can place an ad(s) in the **RPM Classifieds** for FREE.

The ad(s) will run in one newsletter unless you let me know you'd like it relisted in the next edition!

Thank you!

Upcoming Event Flyers in the PTSC area:



**Steel Town Corvette Club 43rd Annual All-Chevy Show – Sunday, July 28, 2024**

Established in 1972, Steel Town is celebrating 52 years as one of Pittsburgh's finest Corvette clubs!



This year's event will be held outdoors at the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department  
370 Commercial Street, Bridgeville, PA 15017  
One mile off I-79 at the Bridgeville Exit 54 or Heidelberg/Collier Exit 55

**Sponsored by Colussy Chevrolet**  
Celebrating 106 years as the oldest family-owned Chevrolet Dealer in the country!

**Schedule of Events: (no cars before 8:00 a.m.)**

9:00-11:00 am	Registration	<b>Also featuring:</b>
9:00-11:00 am	Arrival / clean-up	T-Shirts to 1 <sup>st</sup> 150 entrants
11:00 am	Participants Judging begins	50-50 drawings
1:30 pm	Participants Judging ends	Dash Plaques & Goodie Bags
2:30 pm	Trophy Presentation	Chinese Auction & Door Prizes
		Includes Best of Show & People's Choice trophies plus a DJ!
		Food & Refreshments available too.

**\$20 advance registration - \$25 day of show (space permitting)**  
All Cars are encouraged to Pre-Registered by July 21 @ \$20.00 per car for Express Check-in and a Special Drawing.

All who pre-register are guaranteed a show t-shirt.  
Participant Judging / STCC members' cars are not eligible for judging.

Free Spectator Admission  
**Proceeds benefit numerous local charities!**

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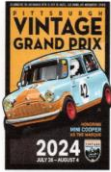
This years Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is scheduled for the weekend of August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2024.

The Marque of the Year is the Mini Cooper. The Mini is the little British car with a lot of racing history. Guaranteed, there will be Minis on display on the show field and on the vintage racecourse.

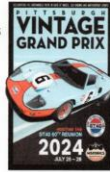
There will also be a large representation of vintage race cars from the early days of automobile racing displayed that weekend.

A 2024 Corvette Z06 Sweepstakes car will be available for one lucky winner. The winner also gets \$30,000 in cash!

For details on the Show / Race weekend: <https://pvgp.org/calendar/>



The PVGP is kicking off 2024 with two posters representing MINI as Marque of the Year and the GT40 60th Reunion. Both posters feature the famous Gulf Oil livery started in the sixties when Gulf was headquartered in Pittsburgh. Many thanks to artist Todd Cook for the fabulous artwork.



**Ragtime Racers to Join Lineup of Attractions at PVGP Aug. 3-4**

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is thrilled to announce that Ragtime Racers will make their first visit to Race Weekend in Schenley Park, August 3-4. Ragtime Racers is a race exhibition group for 1920 and earlier race cars that provides a traveling show at various events across the U.S. showcasing these machines in a historical setting. Ragtime Racers has appeared at well-known tracks nationwide, including Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Laguna Seca at Monterey and Sonoma Raceway.



Racers will be paddocked on Schenley Drive by Phipps Conservatory. Vintage Indy will join them as both groups enter and exit the track at turn 7 just after crossing the Panther Hollow Bridge. This area served at the PVGP paddock for the first five years of the PVGP, beginning in 1983. Spectators who park on Flagstaff Hill can walk over to see this display, see the cars and meet the drivers. **For details: pvgp.org**



**SLICKVILLE COMMUNITY DAYS CAR CRUISE**

Sat. Aug. 10, 2024

St. Sylvester Church

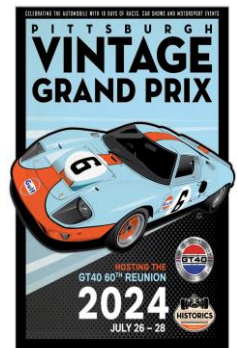
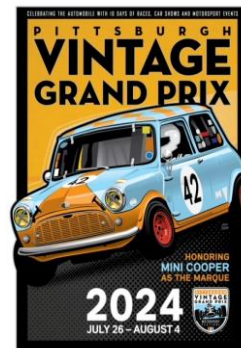
11:00AM- 3:00PM

Dash Plaques to 1<sup>st</sup> 100 entries

DJ

Entry fee \$8

**Thursday, August 22 thru Saturday, August 24, 2024**



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# Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS Picnic Sunday August 11, 2024

@ Indian Lake Park, North Huntingdon, PA



**From 11:00am until 5:00pm Dinner at 1:00**

Directions: Indian Lake Park, North Huntingdon, Pa

From the junction of the PA Turnpike and RT 30 in Irwin: Proceed west on Rt 30 .2 mi. Turn left of Barnes Lake Road for 2.5 mi. Turn left on Clay Pike for .4 mi. Turn right at Brokers Lane for .1 mi. Turn left into park. Pavilion is at the end of the parking lot.

From Pittsburgh: Rt 30 east. Turn right on Clay Pike 2.5 miles to Brokers lane, right turn to park entrance.

**Chapter will subsidize a full catered event including non-alcoholic beverages. We have an excellent new caterer this year. **Members: desserts are welcome.** Bring your Corvette and we will take lots of pictures.**

**Cost: \$20.00 cost per person**



Coordinators: Gavron [Fg69vette@yahoo.com](mailto:Fg69vette@yahoo.com) 724-863-7916  
Paul DiSanto [pdisanto1950@gmail.com](mailto:pdisanto1950@gmail.com) 412-751-5579

Send payment and form by **August 4, 2024** to:  
Paul DiSanto 205 Paulette Dr. Elizabeth, PA 15037

Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ NCRS # \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00 per person)

## PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER NCRS FALL ROAD TOUR

	<p>Sat/Sun Sept 14,15, 2024 9:00am-3:00pm</p>	
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Location: **ZIPPO/CASE KNIFE MUSEUM**, 1932 Zippo Drive. Bradford, Pa  
16701      814-368-1932

From Latrobe, PA, we will be traveling east on Rt 30, then north on Rt 119, north on Rt 36, north on Rt 66, then North on Rt 219 to Bradford, PA. Approx 3 hours. We will stop along the way for breaks.

### AGENDA: SAT 9/14

- 9:00            Depart from Big Lots on RT 30 Latrobe.
- 11:00         Stop at SHEETS in Brookville for a break/bathroom call
- 1:00           Stop at Mama Janes Restaurant for lunch in Bradford
- 2:00           Tour Zippo and Case Knives Museum
- 4:00           Hotel check-in at Best Western Hotel in Bradford
- 6:30           Dinner at PENNHILLS Club, private club but we have access

### AGENDA: SUN 9/15


- 9:00           Breakfast at hotel continental breakfast or Mamma Janes
- 10:00         Depart from the hotel to drive to Kinzua Bridge State Park
- 11:00         Arrive at Kinzua Bridge State Park
- 12:00         Start drive home. Optional stop: Wilds Sonshine Distillery

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**We will have a private tour of the Zippo and Case Knife museum while we are there. The tour will be free of charge.**

**Just send Mike Bucheit a note that you will be coming so we know to look for you. [mbucheit@wpa.net](mailto:mbucheit@wpa.net) 724-771-4275**



<b>Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter Membership Application</b> <b>Please Print</b>				
Name:		Spouse's Name:		
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How did you hear about the Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter?				
Would you be willing to assist in any of these events? Please check box:				
Judging	Newsletter	Events	Membership	Other
Please describe any talents or abilities that you may contribute to the success of our chapter.				
<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.				
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