

## RPM Feature Article: "My Corvette Story" by Charles Lim #22946

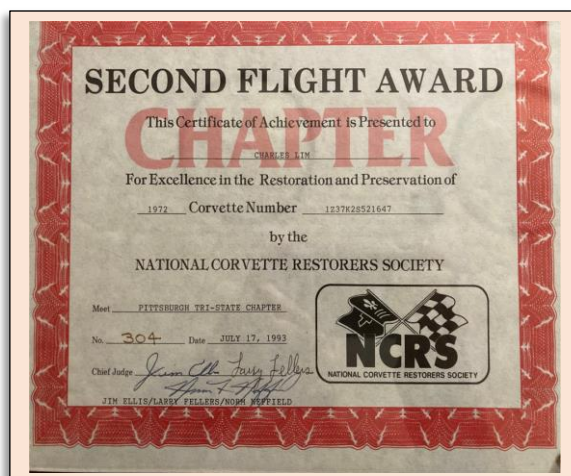
*"Memories of my 1972 NCRS Judging Travels to Star/Bowtie"*



"First, I want to thank all the judges and support staff that dedicated their time and efforts towards the NCRS program.

I purchased my Corvette in 1993 from a local owner in Pittsburgh, Pa. He had the sales window sticker, the protect-O-plate and all the local repair history documented.

The next effort was to determine how original my car was based on discussions with a local Vette mechanic and Don Spangler. Subsequently, I joined the NCRS and had my car judged at the local chapter level. It received a 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight Award." (Photo Below)



"I obtained a 70-72 judging manual to determine how I could achieve the next level. After reading the manual and tips from the first judging event, I assembled the needed tires, windshield wipers and had my AC compressor replaced. I followed up by going to the next judging event in 1994 in Seven Springs, Pa., which was a National NCRS event. While there I was honored to see and meet Zora Duntov. My son, who was 7 years old at the time was also thrilled. My Corvette achieved a National Top Flight Award, and Zora autographed the award and ribbon." (See photo on next page.)

“Also, during this event the judges recommended that I take the car for Bowtie judging due to its’ original condition.

**1994 Seven Springs Top Flight Award**



Based on the judges’ recommendations I went to the NCRS National in Lake Placid, NY. in 1997. Bowtie Awards are only earned at National Conventions. It was the first time trailering a car. It certainly was an interesting experience to say the least. During my trip I saw a fire extinguisher fly off a flat-bed truck bouncing toward me. The next event while driving a piece of debris, which I thought to be a rubber tire, was actually a piece of a fender. It was lodged under the towing trailer and caused sparking under the Corvette. I pulled over and removed it. Thank God, there wasn’t any damage to the Corvette.

I am very happy to say that my 1972 Corvette was judged a 3-Star Bowtie at this event in Lake Placid. This prestigious award is pictured below on the right, as well as a photo of me and my son next to the ‘72.”



This is “My Corvette Story”, hope you enjoyed it!”  
*Charles Lim*