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Chairwoman's Message: Brooke Madeira

With spring finally making its presence known, it's hard not to feel that familiar itch to get our Corvettes back out on the road. It's the perfect time to shake off winter and enjoy what the season, and our club, has to offer.



While much of our focus is understandably on the upcoming Regional in June, there's still plenty happening before we get there. The Mini Meet at All Collector Auto is right around the corner on April 26th, followed by our May 16th Road Tour which are both great opportunities to get out, connect, and enjoy our cars together. These events keep our chapter active and visible, and they remind us that what we do locally plays an important role in the larger NCRS community.

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who attended the recent Tech Seminar at John Kuhn's. It was an informative day, and it was great to see such strong participation. Mark Madeira's C5 presentation covered material that many members don't often get to explore. Bill Bryan followed with an engaging presentation on some newly updated judging procedures and classes, which led to a lively and productive exchange of ideas. A big thank-you to John for hosting the event and for putting together a delicious lunch that made the day even better.

One of the most meaningful parts of the day came at the end of the seminar, during the open conversation about the newly revamped Open Class Judging (previously Concours). While many of us are here because of our shared commitment to originality, that discussion highlighted how Open Class can complement, not compete with, that mission. It offers a place within NCRS for modified Corvettes and their owners, helping the organization remain relevant and forward-looking. Conversations like this are how we grow, by respecting our foundation while thoughtfully considering how to move forward, both as a local chapter and as a national organization.

That kind of open, respectful input is always welcome, and it doesn't have to stop at special events. We would gladly accept the same thoughtful participation at our monthly board meetings. You don't need a title or position to contribute, just a willingness to share ideas and be part of the conversation. Our chapter is strongest when members are informed and involved. As we head into a busy and exciting couple of months, I encourage everyone to stay connected, attend events when you can, and consider lending your voice. Growth doesn't mean losing who we are, it means ensuring that what we value continues to thrive for the next generation of Corvette enthusiasts. *Brooke*



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Judging Chairman's Message: Bill Bryan



Hopefully, Spring and maybe even Summer will come early this year. Our 2026 events started with John Kuhns' event on March 8th. If you missed it, you missed a great *Tech Seminar/School*. (Full coverage can be found later in this issue). Remember the date for next year. Future events planning starts early. If you would like to be a presenter for this event, please notify me to let me know your plan. Everyone is welcome to present. I am always looking for new Corvette topics or experiences to share.

Next up for judged events this year will be at *All Collector Autos* in Bedford April 26th. Sign-up sheet for the event is in this issue. We will be judging 2 flight cars and possibly an Open Class car. Judges training will be the main focus. This meet is always the best place to learn about our NCRS judging procedures and ask questions. We still need 1 more flight car, so please register if you have one ready to judge.

NCRS is now promoting the new "**Open Class Judging**". It has received a lot of changes from the previously named *Concours* class, which is no longer used. It's a new name with new awards. Roy Sinor is the new Team Leader for the class. With him as the leader look for success and good things to come.

Our **PTSC Altoona Regional** is moving forward with registrations coming in every day. Please sign up early with your car or if you just wish to attend. (*Registration Form is in this newsletter.*) I am sure it will be one of our best regionals ever! We use our previous experiences to improve on the next one. I don't believe any other chapter puts on a better regional than ours!

Finally, let's make this year the year we all get our Corvettes out and put some miles on them and attend as many events as possible. That is my plan. Instead of polishing them up and storing them as Garage Queens!" "See you at our next event!" *Bill*



Altoona NCRS Regional Judged Meet 6/4-6/2026
Hosted by the: Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter
From: Don Geary, Regional Chairman



We are excited to host the only Regional in the north east US in 2026. This is our fourth regional at this location and 8th overall regional for our chapter. The host location is the Blair County Convention center with a huge indoor, partially carpeted show floor and an adjacent 6 level garage for operations judging and general parking. We plan on using the show floor for all Judged, PV and Bowtie/Sportsman displays as show size permits. We have onsite trailer parking and the host hotel, Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, is next door with a covered walkway to the convention center.

We have just finalized our menu selections and they are awesome as usual. Judges and chapter workers will be treated to a full hot cooked breakfast and lunch on both judging days. Our Thursday reception will be staged in the Grand Lobby with a summer barbeque theme, fully catered food selections with live entertainment. Our Saturday banquet is a multi-station buffet with chef served short ribs, fresh salmon fillets, parmesan chicken breasts, pasta and for dessert a build-your-own ice cream sundae bar. We are known for our food here in Pittsburgh at our events. Also, there will be hot lunch sandwiches available for purchase on the show floor for owners, guests and non-judges.

We are still accepting sponsors for the event, so if you are interested, contact us for more info.

Owners, please consider bringing your car for flight judging or PV or display. We would love to have you and promise you will have a great time. If you need to have your car judged prior to the Carolina National, we are your first stop in the north east.

There are a large number of local activities in the Altoona area, including Railroad history museums, antiques, candy and pretzel manufacturers, flight 93 memorial, etc. We will provide a list of local highlights in each registration packet.

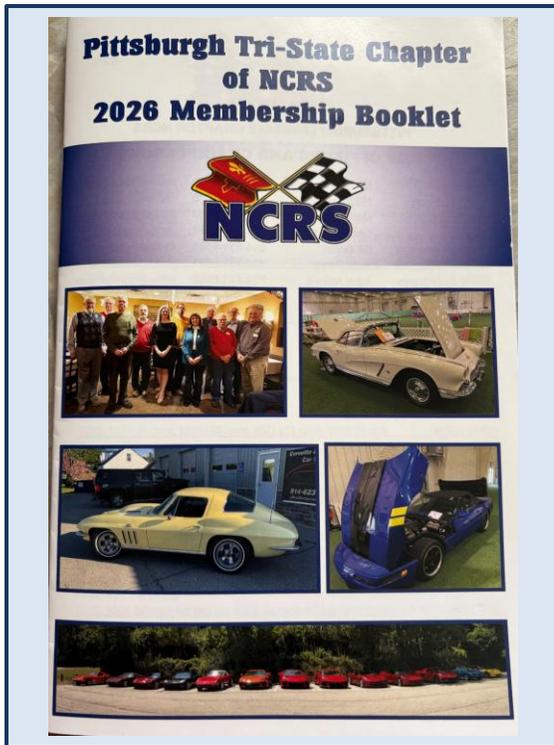
This is a BIG deal for our chapter and for the National as well. We hope all our members plan on attending and bring out the best of our chapter for all to see. This is a huge TEAM effort and we need our members support because this is how we support OUR chapter financially for the future. [\(Registration Form and Event Schedule appear later in the RPM.\)](#)

Don Geary



Membership News: Judy Geary

As of our March board meeting we have a total of 130 members, and only one new member. Everyone in our Chapter should have received their copy of the 2026 Membership Booklet pictured here. Thank you to Don & Judy Geary for their hard work in putting this booklet together each year! Say “Thank You” when you see them.



An Invitation to step up and start thinking about volunteering for upcoming open board positions in 2027.

Hi Pittsburgh Tri-State members, I am writing to you today because it's that time of the year when we have to prepare for elections. The chapter has had a handful of members that have been holding chair positions for a number of years. **Actual elections will be held after the 2026 Regional but we need you to start thinking about running for office or doing one of the volunteer jobs.**

I am asking you to consider running for a board position, we really need some more new blood to help keep our hobby alive and active. None of the jobs are hard to do and mostly mean you get together with friends once a month, have dinner and talk about our hobby. The most critical and the blood stream of the club is the Newsletter Editor. You will get plenty of help to carry on.

I am on the nominating committee and I don't want to call every member to look for volunteers. We are all adults so I am asking you to consider running for the board. If you are willing to help preserve our hobby please email me or any current board member and we will place your name on the recommendations list.

My email is cirilli@zoominternet.net and my phone number is 724-449-3323. See you don't even have to look them up. I hope we hear from you.

Robert D. Cirilli, Nominating committee

Note: All the board positions and their duties/responsibilities can be found in our Membership Booklet in the PTSC By-Laws Section. If you would like to learn more about any position, please feel free to contact any current board member. They will be glad to answer any of your questions.

Welcome our Newest Member !

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Chapter dues are \$20.00 and renewed each June 1st. 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. See our website for the link. www.ncrspitt.com **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!

The Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter of NCRS was founded in August 1990. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at designated and published times and locations. **All members are welcome to attend the board meetings.** In 2025 the board meetings will be held at the Lamplighter Restaurant in Delmont, Pa. at 6:30 pm.

A couple years ago, I needed to remove the hood (a definite two-person job) on the '62 to do some work in the nose section. I did not mess with the three- core support-to-hinge mount bolts but removed the two bolts from each side of the hinge-to-hood mount points. After removal, the hood was turned 'end for end' to rest it against a wall using the latch end corners to rest on the floor. That is when I heard a clinking sound from inside the hood. One of the inner nut plates (which the hood bolts thread into) that are installed inside the hood and held in place with a hidden retainer riveted to the inside hood came loose. After over 50 years these aluminum rivets have a tendency to corrode away internally, as one of mine did allowing the 1/4" thick nut plate to go "free" inside the inner chambers of the hood.

Attempting to get the nut plate to return to its proper location, it got jammed inside the upper section of the hood cavity. A sick feeling ensued as I thought it may never free up. After many attempts of banging and bumping, the plate dislodged and thankfully slid back to the approximate position it should be.

As I never wanted that to happen again, I thought of ways to keep the nut plate in approximate position while the hood is removed. I was not in favor of cutting the hood open, making fake rivets for mounting, and then trying to fiberglass it back, sand & shape, then paint. (A CORVETTE RESTORER Volume 47 No.1 Summer 2020 page 22 has an article showing this.)

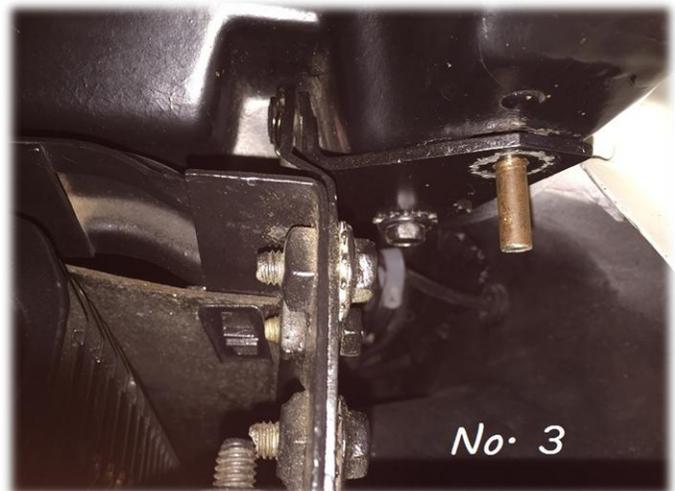
My idea may not sit well with a purist, but it is completely functional and easy to do, prior to removing a properly aligned hood.

****Make a 5/16 X 18 stud as shown in picture No. 1 below.***



****Make a 5/16 X 18 stud as shown in picture No. 2 on the following page.***

**** Thread in the stud and use a long nose vice-grip or equivalent to snugly tighten the stud in the nut plates shown in picture No. 3. Also, on the following page.***



At this point the second hood bolt can be removed and the hood lifted off. The temporary stud will allow the nut plate to spin around some but the plate cannot get free (as long as the stud is long enough) to slide around inside the hood and get "lost". Just leave the stud in the nut plate while the hood is removed. When the hood is reinstalled, the stud will help align the hood with the hinge, then the first hood bolt can be installed loosely (the stud, since it is secured into the nut plate can be used as a means to rotate the plate around to gain proper alignment for the first hood bolt to thread in, thus securing the plate), then remove the stud and insert the second hood mount bolt followed by alignment methods as usual. As a precaution, I now use a stud on each side even though only one side is loose.

Obviously, if the hood is going to be removed, the hood support would be detached from it which allows the hood to tip up vertically on the hinges, providing much more access for a hand to access the hood bolts and temporary studs.

It can be said that another means exists to eliminate a loss of the nut plate. Don't remove the hood bolts at all, but detach the hood by removing the three (on each side) hinge bolts from the core support. However, I don't like that method. If the hood is properly aligned prior to removal, it is much more difficult to get that proper alignment back compared to alignment using the hood hinge bolts. Also, if any maintenance is to be done on the hinges, the hood mount bolts would need removed anyway.

I made a note about the loose nut plates and using this means of hood removal and placed it in the glove box with the studs, for anyone who has the car in the future. (I've had the car for 47 years, but I know someone will eventually take over).

Hoods don't get removed every day. It may be decades between removals. If they want to cut up the hood and fix it, that is up to them. If my method is used, it is perfectly workable and easy and secure.

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*2026 PTSC Tech Seminar and Judging School
John Kuhns' Garage, Latrobe, Pa.
Write up & Photos: Jimmy Patitucci*



On Sunday March 8th our Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter held its first event for 2026. It was held once again this year at John Kuhns' Garage in Latrobe. We had 24 members in attendance. This is our first Technical Seminar and Judging School of the year. We don't judge any Corvettes at this annual event. As he does every year, John welcomes us in to his beautiful garage in Latrobe. Our Judging Chairman, Bill Bryan organized the event and provided us with a full agenda of interesting topics. Everyone met at 9:00 am for coffee and donuts and took some time to get reacquainted with each other after what seemed like a long cold and snowy winter in SW Pa. this year. Our Chairwoman Brooke Madeira welcomed everyone and Don Geary gave a quick Regional update before we got started with the presentations.

Treasurer, Mark Madeira started things off in the morning with a comprehensive and informative power-point presentation on the C5 Generation Corvette. The C5 generation spanned the years 1997-2004. Bill felt this would be very beneficial for our members to become more familiar with this generation since we are starting to see more and more of the C5's register for flight judging at our meets.

After Mark's presentation Bill led a brief discussion on Judging Points earned at Chapter meets. Back on February 2nd National Judging Chair Joe Scafidi posted a message on the NCRS Technical Discussion Board clarifying the rules for holding (2-day, 5 point) Chapter meets and enforcing the rules as they are outlined (although not as clear as they should be) on page 84 in the JRM (Judging Reference Manual). Not to be redundant here, Bill went over the rules and ensured us that he will make sure our Chapter adheres to them as we move forward.

Next, Bill touched on the term "NCRS ADDS VALUE" and what that means in relation to having your car judged.

Finally, after lunch he discussed the new "OPEN CLASS JUDGING". He talked about what constitutes a Stock or Custom Corvette for Open Class judging purposes. During his power-point he explained that this class is open to Corvettes built from 1953 to 2026. The car must have been born a Corvette, have an original VIN Tag or state issued replacement, and have a title or vehicle registration that proves the car is a Corvette. He went over how each car will be judged and what the awards would be. Open Class cars earning a score of 94.0 points or above achieve an Emerald Award. Those achieving between 85.0 and 93.9 achieve the Ruby Award. The awards are all glass plaques and will designate Chapter, Regional and National Levels. We had plenty of time for open discussion at the end of his presentation and everyone had ample opportunity to voice their opinions and share information.

Our PTSC would like to thank Bill for all his hard work on presenting and organizing the event. Also, thanks to Mark for once again giving an outstanding presentation on the C5 generation.

Finally, thank you John Kuhns for providing the coffee/donuts and awesome catered lunch with everyone's favorite "meatloaf" dinner, and for hosting the event at your garage. *JP*

Brooke welcoming everyone!



Don Geary updating everyone on our upcoming Regional in June.



More event photos on the following pages!

Mark presenting on C5's



Bill going over the day's Agenda!





Corvettes driven to the event!

Don Geary's 2017 C7 Z06



Norm Neffield's 2015 C7



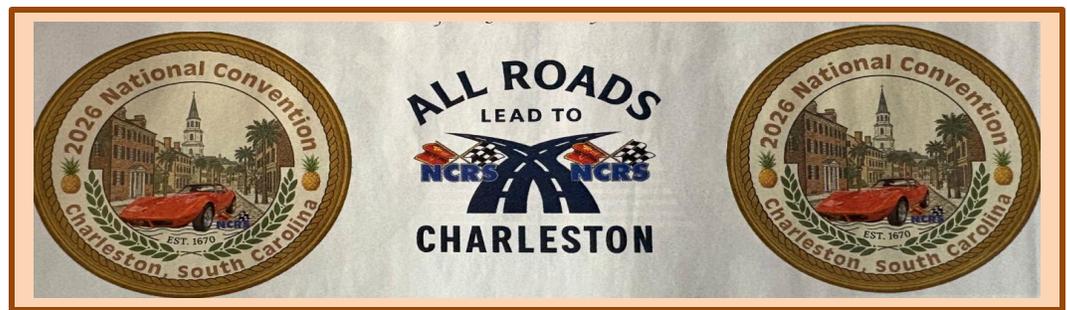
Open Class Ruby Award!



Open Class Emerald Award!



FROM THE NCRS:



NCRS Code of Conduct/By NCRS National Organization

NCRS CODE OF CONDUCT:

Every year, and on an ongoing basis, the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) organizes and sponsors numerous judging, technical, social, and road tour events at local chapter, regional, and national levels. The NCRS values all who participate in these events and is committed to providing equal opportunities for all participants. The NCRS is also committed to providing a welcoming, enjoyable, and harassment-free experience for all attendees at its events, including members, guests, staff, exhibitors, vendors, and speakers. In order to facilitate these goals, the NCRS has adopted this binding Code of Conduct that applies to all attendees at all NCRS events over the duration of each event. The NCRS expects all members and other attendees to behave respectfully, ethically, honestly, and fairly with one another in accordance with this Code of Conduct. Because the NCRS promotes a culture of integrity, honesty, equity and fairness, the NCRS will not condone or permit harassment in any form, whether physical or verbal, at its events. All attendees at NCRS events are expected to follow this Code of Conduct. Failure to follow this Code of Conduct may result in expulsion from an event without refund, prohibition from attending future events, suspension of membership, or expulsion from the NCRS.

Open Class Judging:

What if your Corvette has been modified and does not meet the NCRS Flight Judging Standard? NCRS's newest awards program accommodates the owners of all 1953 to 2026 Corvettes in an Open Class in which the cars are judged on their condition and operation. Even "re-engineered Corvettes" with, or without body modifications, are eligible for judging. The National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) has begun this new program of Open Class judging.

The NCRS, famous for its meticulous Flight Judging process has expanded its judging offerings to include a new category of Corvettes. This new Open Class judging is offered for both Stock appearing and Custom 1953 to 2026 Corvettes, born as a Corvette, with an original VIN Tag (or state issued replacement), and have a title/vehicle registration that states the car is a Corvette (i.e. no kit cars).

NCRS Open Class Award® Judging

What is involved in Open Class judging and how does it work? Open Class judging is similar to flight judging in that there are 5 teams of judges who evaluate the car in Operations, Interior, Exterior, Chassis and Mechanical. However, unlike Flight Judging, the teams are not concerned with originality. They are concerned with the function of the systems—in the case of Operations—and the Fit/Finish and completeness in all the other categories. ***Continued on next page!***

Stock Division

What constitutes a Stock or Custom Corvette for Open Class judging purposes?

A Stock Corvette is one with the doors, hood and trunk closed, (excluding wheels & tires if no body or chassis modifications were required for fitment), including paint color (provided it appears to be a stock color or scheme), if the car basically appears like a production Corvette. From outward appearance of the car body appears to be stock or as it came from the factory. It can have show-quality chrome and paint, a different motor than was originally in the car (but no computer controls). The key in this class is whether the car looks like it might be stock.

Custom Division

Custom Corvettes includes all other Corvettes.

These can have flared fenders, custom paint such as flames pinstripes or other custom touches. This Custom Class opens the field for a wide variety of Corvettes that were not previously considered candidates for Flight judging. Open Class judging is an exciting new concept within the NCRS and is an exciting new way to open the field for a new generation of Corvette fanatics.

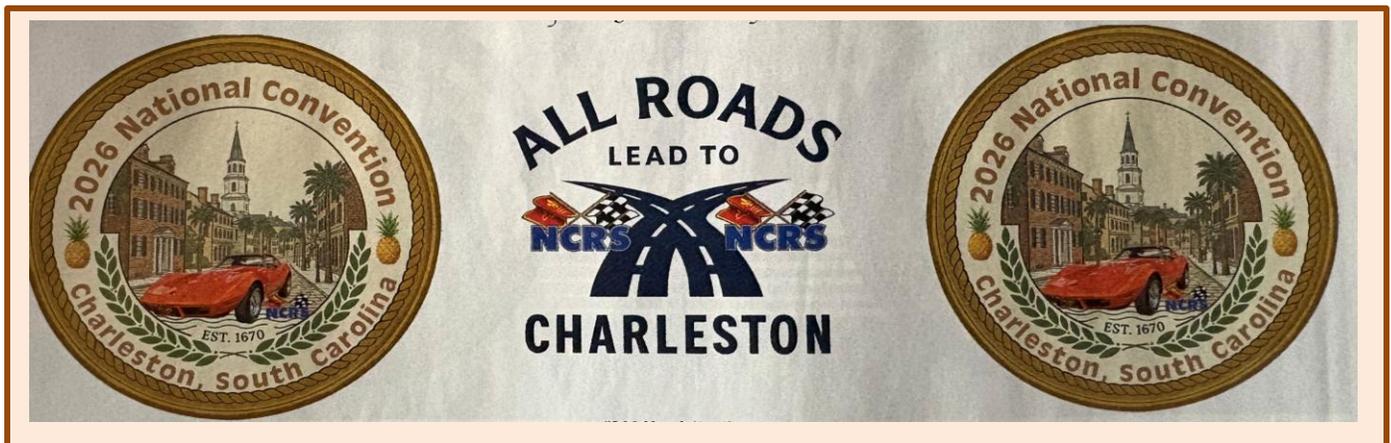
Open Class Awards®

Open Class cars successfully achieving a score of 94.0 points or above in the Stock Division achieve an **Emerald Award**. Those achieving between 85.0 and 93.9 achieve the **Ruby Award**.



“ Let’s Practice Safety During Judging”: Joe Scafidi National Judging Chairman

“When an owner is asked to start the car, the operations judge should remind them to set the parking brake and be sure the car is in Neutral or Park. Also, there is no reason for the car doors to be open during the time the car is running. Follow the ops sheet line by line until it indicates to shut the engine off. Let’s keep safety a priority.”



Steps to Remove and Reinstall the Wiper Motor and Washer Pump Assembly on a 1967 Corvette
By: Michael Bucheit

“If you have a problem with your wiper motor and washer pump assembly, you will need to remove the assembly from the firewall to repair or restore.”

To remove the unit, follow these instructions!

1. Disconnect the negative battery cable.
2. Remove distributor shielding and left bank spark plug wire vertical shield.
3. Disconnect the left bank spark plug wire bracket to manifold.
4. Remove distributor cap and disconnect wires from the assembly.
5. You must remove the glove box. Remove the orange wire for the glove box light from the box.
6. Remove three retaining screws from the assembly. These screws are 3/8- inch.
7. Remove the wiper arms by removing a retaining clip.
8. You can now remove the assembly from the engine side of the firewall.
9. Send the assembly to Steve Hackell at 15000 S. Knox Ave. Midlothian, IL. 60445. Cost to restore is \$328.00.

To reinstall the unit, follow these instructions!

1. You have three small retaining screws which you removed when you removed the unit. These screws are about 3/8-inch.
2. You need to use 3/8-inch all-thread screws to refasten the assembly to the firewall. These all-thread screws allow you to place the assembly onto the firewall with the all-thread screws protruding

into the firewall which you can access under your dash.

3. Roll up a towel and stuff it between your assembly and distributor which will hold the assembly in place while you go back to work from inside of the car.
4. From the inside of the car remove one all-thread screw at a time and replace with the correct bolts.
5. You now have the assembly firmly fastened to the firewall.
6. Replace the wiper arms under the dash and replace the retaining clip.
7. Reinstall the glove box.
8. Route the orange wire thru the slot in your glove box and plug it into your glove box light.
9. Go back to the engine compartment and remove the towel.
10. Connect the left bank spark plug wire bracket to the manifold.
11. Install the distributor shielding and left bank spark plug wire vertical shield.
12. Re-connect the negative battery cable. 

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The 1976 Corvette turns 50 this year!

PTSC Members: Bob & Dee Cirilli's 1976 Corvette Stingray Coupe



Some 1976 Corvette Fun Facts:

- *The carburetor air induction system was revised in 1976. Previously, air was drawn in at the rear of the hood, producing a slight howl audible from within the car. The air source point was moved forward, so that air was pulled in over the radiator. The 1976 hood is unique to the year.
- *The YJ8 aluminum wheels announced for 1973 arrived as a bona fide option with the 1976. Made by Kelsey Hayes in Mexico.
- *Engineers put a partial steel underbelly in the forward section of the Corvettes starting in 1976 for added rigidity.
- *Astro Ventilation was eliminated starting with 1976 models. Which meant deleting the rear decklid vents.
- *GM's new "FREEDOM" Battery a sealed and maintenance free unit was included in all '76 models.
- *Two styles of rear bumpers were used. The first had smaller, recessed "Corvette" letters. The second style had larger letters, not recessed.
- *A new "sport" steering wheel for 1976 Corvettes was shared by Chevrolet Vegas (and other Chevy models) a development not viewed well by Corvette enthusiasts.

(Info from Mike Antonick's Corvette Black Book)





Remaining Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS 2026 Events Calendar

April 26, 2026 Sunday, Mini Meet, All Collector Autos, Bedford, Pa.

Coordinators: Bill Bryan & Dylan Stahl

May 16, 2026, Saturday, Spring Road Tour, Blair County CC, Altoona, Pa.

Coordinator: Don Geary

June 4-6, 2026 NCRS Altoona Regional Meet, Blair County CC, Altoona, Pa.

Coordinators: NCRS & Don Geary & Bill Bryan

August 2, 2026 Sunday, Annual Picnic, General Membership Mtg. , Indian Lake Park...North Huntingdon, Pa.

Coordinators: Frank Gavron & Paul DiSanto

September 12, 2026, Saturday, Fall Road Tour, Ligonier, Pa.

Coordinators: John Kuhns & Michael Bucheit

October 17-18 Annual Meet at Greenwood's Hubbard Chevrolet, Hubbard, OH.

Coordinators: Bill Bryan & Ken Jelley

December 6, 2026, Annual Holiday Banquet & Membership Mtg. Rizzo's Malabar Restaurant, Crabtree, Pa.

Coordinator: Don Geary

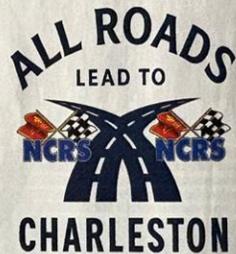
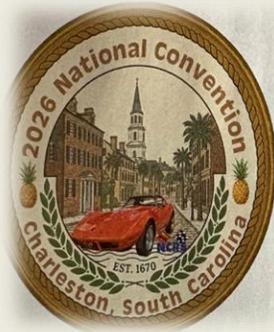
**All dates & events subject to change at the board's discretion.*



NCRS Calendar of National & Regional Events

2026 Events

Show Me Regional	April 16-18	Springfield, MO
PTSC Altoona Regional	June 4-6	Altoona, Pennsylvania
NCRS National Convention	July 26-30	Charleston, SC
Intermountain Regional	Sept. 17-19	Spokane, Washington
Texas Regional	Oct. 22-24	Frisco, Texas



2027 Events

48th Annual Winter Regional	January 13-16	Melbourne, Florida
Carolinas Regional	April 8-10	Clemson, SC
Adirondack Regional	May 13-15	Albany, New York
North Central	June 3-5	Rochester, Minn.
National Convention	August 1-5	French Lick, Indiana
Texas Regional	Oct. 21-23	Frisco, Texas

*New Event, Dates and/or Location.

(Calendar of events taken from the March-April 2026 Driveline Page. 2)



NCM Opens “Driven to Preserve” Exhibition!

The NCM has officially opened *Driven to Preserve*, a new exhibit that places the behind-the-scenes work of collection care on full display. Located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the exhibit invites visitors to explore how the Museum protects and preserves more than 120 rare Corvettes and over 50,000 Corvette artifacts. From documentation and cataloging to environmental monitoring and interpretive planning, *Driven to Preserve* reveals how preservation happens one decision at a time. Guests step into the daily routines that keep America’s Sports Car ready to teach, inspire, and endure.

The Exhibit Explains:

- *What happens when a Corvette or artifact donation arrives
- *How objects are cleaned, documented, and prepared for long-term care
- *The difference between restoration and preservation
- *Why environmental control and documentation are critical to maintaining authenticity

For more info go to:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org>

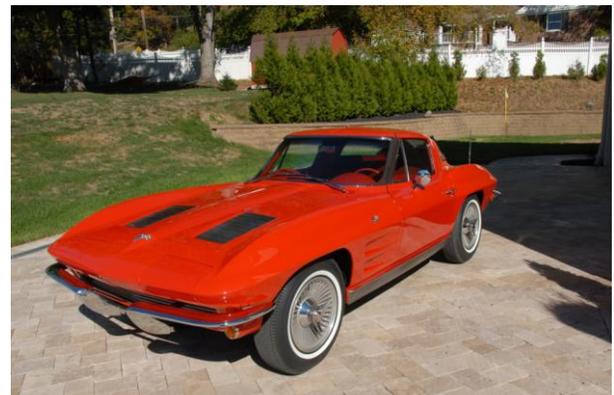
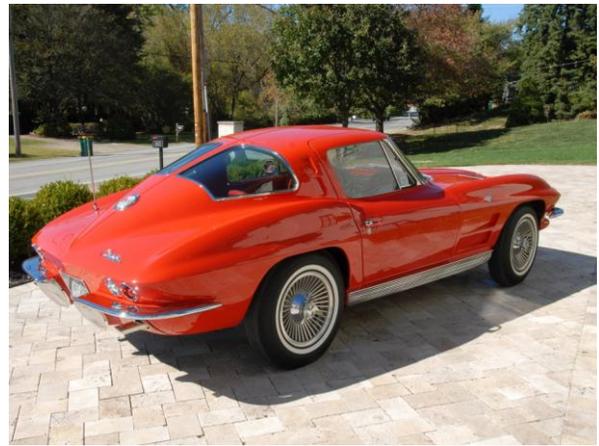
RPM Classifieds:

For Sale:

1963 Chevrolet Corvette split window was purchased by the current owner in 1988 and owned for 38 years. The car underwent a complete frame off restoration in 1991 and a binder with pictures and invoices documents the build. The car left the factory in Ermine white (936A) and was repainted on Riverside red (923). The car has 100 miles since the rebuild. The engine is a **refurbished** 327/340, vin 308375121031 and can be seen on the engine and frame, the build date is L1, Red leather interior, optional back up lights, Kelsey Hays three-eared knock-off spinner wheels, date code for tires is 17th week of 2024, clock and radio were recently rebuilt and are in working along with everything else on the car, all fluids were recently changed in preparation for the sale. NCRS Top Flight award in 2025. The car was completely **checked** over by a qualified mechanic and is now offered with a clean PA title \$195,000.

Additional Pictures and binder available. Contact: Marco Pompeo 412-906-3835

Email: mpompeo@marcanthonyconst.com



For sale: 1979 Corvette. Owned for 40 years and in excellent condition. Paint color light beige code 59, removable roof panels, new motor with less than 200 miles, 5.7-liter, 4-bbl 350 cu in V8, 4- speed automatic transmission, rebuilt carburetor. New alternator, new a/c compressor, tilt telescopic steering wheel, new battery, new AM/FM radio, new tires Cobra G/T SL Cooper with less than 100 miles, 24-gallon fuel tank, front spoiler, more photos upon request. \$19,500. **Contact: Marco Pompeo 412-906-3835**
mpompeo@marcanthonyconst.com (See photos on the following page.)



Reminder:
 All *RPM* Classified Ads are free of charge to members of the PTSC in good standing.

Free: Two Midyear Radiators Poor Condition/ **Free/** Contact: Roger Clark 724-814-0240.

Corvette 1968 to 1973 rear bumpers, Driver/Survivor Quality - \$300 See photos below:



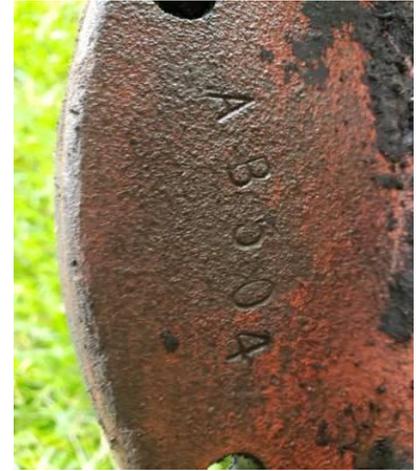
For more info and photos if interested
 Contact: Ken Jelley 330-219-2711
jellyspp@aol.com



More RPM Classifieds on the next page:

For Sale: 1955-1964 Chevrolet & 56-62 Corvette Differential - \$275

This is a good core early Chevrolet and/or Corvette Differential. Believe it to be 3:55 ratio. See picture of date and part number. Been on the shelf in my garage for years. Contact: Ken Jelley 330-219-2711 jelleyssp@aol.com



For Sale: Corvette 1963 tp 1967 rear bumpers - \$600

One pair of driver/survivor quality Corvette rear bumpers for 1963 to 1967. Please review pictures.



If interested in the 63-67 rear bumpers, for more photos. Contact: Ken Jelley

330-219-2711 jelleyssp@aol.com



For Sale: 1963 1964 Corvette Grille with surround - C2 - \$450

Used C2 Corvette Grille. Originally used on 1966 & 1967 Corvettes. Contact: Ken Jellley 330-219-2711



I also have a Body Dolly that is built using Nolan Adams plans. Sorry no photo: Asking \$200.

Ken Jelley 330-219-2711

More RPM Classifieds on the following page!

For Sale: 1965 Corvette hood - 1963 to 1967 - \$400

1965 Corvette "specific" small block hood. Will fit 1963 to 1967. Paint stripped so you can see excellent condition.
Contact: Ken Jelley 330-219-2711



For Sale: Corvette differential rear cover - \$100

Corvette differential rear cover/spring perch. Everything is in great condition. Nothing broken and no stripped threads. →

Contact: Ken Jelley 330-219-2711 jelleyspp@aol.com



PTSC Embroidered Merchandise for Sale:

Contact: Bob Stokes 412-600-7727

robert.stokes@verizon.net

2026 Regional Polo



From the RPM Editor:

- Annual Cost for Newsletter Business Ads
- \$20.00 for a Business Card
- \$40.00 for ¼ page ad
- \$60.00 for ½ page ad
- \$100.00 for full page ad
- Charges are due each quarter.



Ads should be emailed to the editor, Jimmy Patitucci at jippat@breezeline.net. Checks should be mailed to the following address: Box 92 McClellandtown, Pa. 15458

Notice: Dearest PTSC members, I just want to remind you all that the 2026 Winter RPM will be my last one as Editor. I've been doing it since 2018. It's time for someone else to volunteer and step up. If interested please contact Bob Cirilli. (See his notice on page 4).

Happy Spring!



PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER JUDGING SCHOOL
WWW.NCRSPITT.COM
Sunday April 26, 2026 – Two Car Limit
All Collector Autos LLC (formerly Valley Auto) 5624 Business 220, Bedford Pa 15522

NCRS Membership Number: _____ (Registration Will Not Be Accepted Without Your NCRS Number)
 Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____ Chapter Affiliation: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell Phone: _____ - _____ - _____
 E-Mail: _____

EVENT SCHEDULE – SUNDAY APR 26, 2026

8:30 Registration, coffee, tour of facility 12:00 Lunch
9:00 Presentation 1:00 Judging School (Bryan)
9:30 Flight Judging 2:30 Awards

******* BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR **All NCRS COVID-19 RULES APPLY*******

EVENT REGISTRATION (Please Check and Complete Requested Items and Amounts)

Registration fee per person = Judge/Owner/Spectator (Includes Lunch)\$10\$ _____
 Flight Judging Car Entry\$75\$ _____
TOTAL\$ _____

JUDGING PARTICIPATION

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN JUDGES TRAINING AND JUDGING THE CARS IN THE EVENT.

CAR ENTRY PARTICIPATION WILL BE LIMITED

Year: _____ Coupe /Convertible Engine HP: _____ VIN: _____
 Ext Color _____ Paint Code _____ Int. Color _____ Trim Code _____ Int. Fabric _____ Build Date _____
 Insurance Co: _____ Policy #: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____

Flight Judging Entries: Please send copies of your owner and insurance cards with this registration form.

I agree to insure my vehicle(s) and property against loss, damage and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at the time of registration. I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and chapters for any acts or omissions that may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others during or as a consequence of this event, wherever located. I agree to the terms and conditions of the NCRS Drugs and Alcohol Policy, and the NCRS COVID-19 Policy.

I agree with the current version of the Hold Harmless document found at <http://www.ncrs.org/home/hold-harmless.php>.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Make checks payable to: Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS – Registration must be postmarked by April 21, 2026

Send to: Bill Bryan 410 Mile Hill Rd, Duncansville, PA 16635
e-mail: crosskeystv@yahoo.com Note: "NCRS" in subject line when e-mailing
Phone: 814-931-9101 Note: please leave a message

Meet Chairman: Brooke Madeira Phone: 724-875-4903 email: brooke@mirrockcorvette.com Note: "NCRS" in subject line
Judging Chairman: Bill Bryan Phone: 814-931-9101 e-mail: crosskeystv@yahoo.com Note: "NCRS" in subject line

NOTE: This is a mini-meet and Judges training session for increasing the judging knowledge of our members. Full judging points and flight awards will be earned by participants at the meet.

PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER NCRS SPRING ROAD TOUR

	SATURDAY May 16, 2026 8:30pm-3:00pm	
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Location: Blair County Convention Center

From Delmont, PA, we will be traveling east on Route 22, then north on Route 99 to Plank road south. Turn left onto Convention Center road.

AGENDA:

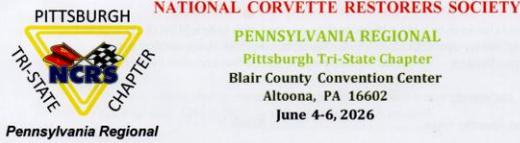
- 8:30 Leave Lamplighter Restaurant on Route 22. Arrive earlier if you want to eat breakfast.
- 10:00 Arrive at BCCC, Meet with Director, tour facilities & Board meeting
- 1:00 Lunch in Altoona, PA
- 3:00 Begin Road trip home

We have a meeting and inspection of the Blair County Convention Center and will discuss last minute details for our regional.

If time allows, we may visit Boyer candy outlet, and stop at Gallitzin Tunnel Park and Museum on the way back to Pittsburgh.

Send RSVP to Don Geary Dlgeary@comcast.net 724-875-7749

2026 PTSC Altoona Regional Information/ Don Geary Regional Chairman



The Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter of the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) is hosting a **Regional** event at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA. We are expecting at least 400 Corvette owners, collectors, restorers and enthusiasts from, across the country. This is a family event with activities for everyone.

Corvettes from 1953 thru 2007 will be judged for originality and condition. In addition to the Judged cars, a Sportsman Class will be open to all NCRS Members. The Sportsman Class is very popular and always well represented.

This NCRS REGIONAL EVENT will be a great Advertising/Marketing opportunity for your company. You and your staff will be able to interact and visit with hundreds of very serious Corvette owners and collectors who ultimately will become your customers. This event will give you the opportunity to do the following:

1. Promote and Market your Products and Services.
2. Maintain a strong presence in your industry at an event that does have recognition among a worldwide group of 18,000 active members.
3. Support the many Charity Events sponsored by the National and Local Chapters.
4. Support the Hobby and the Restorers who are the essence of your business.
5. Express your appreciation to many of your long-term customers.
6. Interact with your customers and gather feedback on the use and application of your products.

Sponsorship Opportunities

You may choose to be a MAJOR sponsor or you may wish to be a MINOR sponsor and/or purchase Indoor Vendor Space, Outdoor Vendor Space, or simply place advertising in the Regional Program Booklet

BE A MAJOR SPONSOR

1. Banquet Saturday Night\$2500
2. Reception Thursday Night.....\$2000
3. Registration Desk (Thurs through Saturday).....\$1200
4. Friday Breakfast.....\$1200
5. Friday Lunch.....\$1200
6. Saturday Breakfast.....\$1200
7. Saturday Lunch.....\$1200
8. Recognition for Judges.....\$1500

BE A MINOR SPONSOR

1. Indoor Vendor Space.....\$200 each space
2. Indoor Car Display.....\$100 each car
3. Outdoor Vendor Space.....\$100 each space
4. Outdoor Car Display.....\$100 each car
5. Program Booklet Advertising.....\$100 full page / \$50 half page
6. General Donation.....\$ Any Amount

Be a Sponsor, Make a Pledge, or give a Donation!

Come to the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA and enjoy this fantastic Corvette event with hundreds of Corvette enthusiasts and customers. Be a part of this great REGIONAL EVENT.

Support the Restoration, Preservation, History and Enjoyment of the Chevrolet Corvette.

Thank you,

Don Geary
Regional Chairman

Sponsorship Commitment

Please indicate which item you wish to sponsor by checking the appropriate box. Fill in your name and address and return to address below.

You may submit your payment with this completed Commitment page or you can wait until April 1, 2026. At that time you will be invoiced.

BE A MAJOR SPONSOR

- Banquet Saturday Night\$2500
- Reception Thursday Night.....\$2000
- Registration Desk (Thurs through Saturday)\$1200
- Friday Breakfast.....\$1200
- Friday Lunch.....\$1200
- Saturday Breakfast.....\$1200
- Saturday Lunch.....\$1200
- Recognition for Judges.....\$1500

BE A MINOR SPONSOR

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- Indoor Car Display.....\$100 each car
- Outdoor Vendor Space.....\$100 each space
- Outdoor Car Display.....\$100 each car
- Program Booklet Advertising.....\$100 full page/ \$50 half page
- General Donation..... Any Amount

FROM: NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Mail to: Michael Buecht
2800 Route 982
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

For additional information, please contact: Michael A. Buecht
724-771-4275 (cell)



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**ALTOONA
REGIONAL MEET**
June 4-6, 2026
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT / ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
WEDNESDAY 6/3/26		
7:00 PM - 7:00 AM	Secured Parking – Corvettes, trailers	Front Parking Lot and Garage
THURSDAY 6/4/26		
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Registration / Information Judging Assignments	Lower Concourse
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Operations Judging for Flight cars prior to entry to halls	Garage 2 nd & 3rd Floor
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Operations Judging for Open Class cars prior to entry to halls	Garage 2 nd & 3rd Floor
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Performance Verification – By Appointment	
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Judging School and Town Hall Meeting	Ballroom 1
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Memorial for Tom Barr	Ballroom 1
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Regional Reception / Social (cash bar) hor dourves	Grand Lobby
7:00 PM	Doors closed and locked to Judging floor	Exhibit Hall
7:00 PM - 7:00 AM	Secured Parking – Corvettes, trailers, RV's	Front Parking Lot and Garage
FRIDAY 6/5/26		
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Doors to judging floor open	Exhibit Hall
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Judges meeting / breakfast (1 st day judges)	Ballroom 1
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Owners meeting for 1 st day judging	Exhibit Hall
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Tentative Flight Judging 53-55, 58-60, 63-64, 66, 67BB, 70-72, 78-82, 97-04	Exhibit Hall
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Open Class Judging	Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Information / Help Desk (Registration window)	Lower Concourse
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Performance Verification by appointment	
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Advanced Judging School- Must attend both sessions	Exhibit Hall
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch for 1 st day judges	Ballroom 1
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Technical Seminar TBD	Ballroom 1
6:00 PM	Doors closed and locked to judging floor	Exhibit Hall
7:00 PM - 7:00 AM	Secured Parking – Corvettes, trailers	Front Parking lot and Garage
SATURDAY 6/6/26		
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Doors open to judging floor	Exhibit Hall
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Judges meeting / breakfast (2 nd day judges)	Ballroom 1
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Owners meeting for 2 nd day judging	Exhibit Hall
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Tentative Flight Judging 56-57, 61-62, 65, 67SB, 68-69, 73-77, 84-96, 05-07	Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Information / Help Desk (Registration window)	Lower Concourse
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Performance Verification by appointment	
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Advanced Judging School- Must attend both sessions	Exhibit Hall
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch for 2 nd day judges	Ballroom 1
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Judged cars released by Head Judge	Exhibit Hall
6:00 PM	Doors closed and locked to judging floor	Exhibit Hall
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Cocktail time (cash bar)	Allegheny Mountains Lobby
7:30 PM 9:30 pm	Awards Banquet	Ballroom 4
7:00 PM - 7:00 AM	Secured Parking – Corvettes, trailers	Front Parking lot and Garage
SUNDAY 6/7/26		
7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Doors open to remove remaining cars	Exhibit Hall



NCRS ALTOONA Regional Meet Registration Form

Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter
 June 4-6, 2026, Blair County Convention Center, Altoona, PA

Pennsylvania Regional 2026

We offer a discount to use ONLINE registration at: www.ncrs.org/events/register. This registration form (full size 8 1/2 X 11) is also on our website at: www.ncrspitt.com

NCRS Membership # NCRS Chapter Affiliation: _____

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home: _____ - Cell: _____ - email: _____

EVENT REGISTRATION: (Please fill in numbers [#] requested and multiplied \$ amount)

Family registration*.....(Online price \$100).....Price via mail =.....	\$125*	\$ 125
*Late Registration Fee (\$35 if postmarked after 05/05/2026).....	\$35	\$ _____
Non-NCRS Member registration (allow attendance to schools and seminars) # attending _____	\$30 ea.	\$ _____
Thursday night Reception and Social (cash bar) # attending _____		\$ no charge
Saturday Awards banquet # adults attending _____	\$60 ea.	\$ _____
Mailing / Handling fee for certificates & ribbons, if not attending banquet.....	\$40	\$ _____
Regional Meet T-Shirts: #M _____ #L _____ #XL _____ #2XL _____ #3XL _____ - Total # All T-Shirt Sizes _____	\$20 ea.	\$ _____
Regional Meet Golf Shirts: #M _____ #L _____ #XL _____ #2XL _____ #3XL _____ - Total # All Golf Shirt Sizes _____	\$40 ea.	\$ _____
Regional Meet Hats _____	\$15 ea.	\$ _____

CORVETTE REGISTRATION: (Please check requested items and fill in \$ amount)

_____ Flight Judging Entry	\$120	\$ _____
_____ Performance Verification Entry. (include proof of 3 rd flight or better).....	\$120	\$ _____
_____ Sportsman's Display.....	\$30	\$ _____
_____ Open Class Judging	\$100	\$ _____
_____ Signoff: Bowtie, Crossed Flags, American Heritage, Challenge car, Regional Founders ops (circle)..	\$50	\$ _____
_____ Display: Duntov/McLellan/Hill/Crossed Flags/American Heritage, Bowtie (circle category)...		\$ no charge
_____ Secured Trailer Parking (required if you bring a trailer) Note: no RV parking on Convention property.	\$50	\$ _____
_____ Join or _____ Renew Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter Membership.....	\$20	\$ _____
CHECK # _____ ENCLOSED FOR TOTAL OF ALL ITEMS ABOVE.....		\$ _____

CORVETTE VEHICLE INFORMATION: (please print clearly)

Year _____ - Coupe or Conv. - Engine CI/HP: _____ / _____ - VIN: _____
 Exterior Color: _____ - Interior Color: _____ - Interior Fabric: _____
 Build Date*: _____ - Paint Code*: _____ - Trim Code*: _____ - Body Number ('63-'67 only): _____
*1963-1996 per Trim Tag/Service ID Label
 Insurance Co: _____ - Policy #: _____ - Exp Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Registration: Please include insurance and ownership proof (both valid through Sunday 6/9/2026) with your registration. Note: Cancellation of this registration after it is accepted will be handled on an individual basis. No refunds will be given after 05/05/2026.

JUDGING PARTICIPATION: Enter your year (or class) and judging category preferences in the boxes below. Thank you!

Yes, I would like to Flight Judge as follows:	Year	Any as needed	OPS	INT	EXT	MECH	CHASSIS	Shirt Size: _____
1st preference >								My Judging Level is: _____
2nd preference >								I don't know my Judging Level >
3rd preference >								I would like to be an Observer Judge >
								I would like to be a Tabulator >

I agree to insure my vehicle and property against loss, damage, and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to the NCRS at the time of registration. I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless, NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees and Chapters for any acts or omissions which may result in the theft or destruction of my property or injury to me or others occurring during or as a consequence of this meet. Your signature below signifies that you have read and agree to all individual meet requirements. Proof of insurance and ownership must be presented at the meet.

Signature: _____ - Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Make Checks Payable To: **Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS** Registration must be postmarked by 05/05/2026.
 Mail To: Bill Bryan, 410 Mile Hill Rd, Duncansville, PA 16635 - email: crosskeystv@yahoo.com - Phone: 814-931-9101
 Meet Contact: Don Geary, 117 Caldwell Dr, Jeannette, PA 15644 - email: dlgeary@comcast.net - Phone: 724-875-7749
 Judging Chairman: Bill Bryan - email: crosskeystv@yahoo.com - Phone: 814-931-9101
 Host Hotel Info: Country Inn and Suites by Radisson. NCRS rate \$120, <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/PN93K1> or 814-312-1800

Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter Membership Application Please Print				
Name:		Spouse's Name:		
Street Address:				
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NCRS Membership #:		Home Phone:		
NCRS Member Since:		Cell Phone:		
Jr member #1's Name:		Jr member #2's Name:		
Corvettes (additional on back)		1.		
2.		3.		
List additional on back				
How did you hear about the Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter?				
Would you be willing to assist in any of these events? Please check box:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Judging	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Please describe any talents or abilities that you may contribute to the success of our chapter.				
You must be an active member of the NCRS, Inc. to qualify for chapter membership and please include NCRS number on this application. Chapter dues are \$20 payable upon application and renewed each June 1.				
Make checks payable to: Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter, NCRS Mail to: Judy Geary 117 Caldwell Dr Jeannette, PA 15644				
Signature:		Date:		
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