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### *Chairman's Message:/Jimmy Patitucci -#60161*

It's certainly been a very busy summer for our Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter. Our premier chapter judging meet in Latrobe at B&D Creekside in June was a huge success. We had a really nice turn out of beautiful Corvettes. At the beginning of August, we had another wonderful chapter picnic and membership meeting at Indian Lake Park. The picnic was catered again this year, the food and fellowship were great. The weather was perfect, not a drop of rain, so everyone could drive their Corvettes.

We also had a large contingent of chapter members attend this year's National Convention in Virginia. Each receiving a number of NCRS awards both personally as judges and awards for their Corvettes as well. The same was true for Corvettes at Carlisle, we had four members with their cars recognized in the NCRS Gallery Tent, as well as six members who received the Celebrity Pick Award. To finish out the summer Mike Bucheit organized one of the best road tours the chapter has had in recent years according to many of those who participated. You can see photos from all these events as well as read about them later in this newsletter.

As for our open board positions, Mike Bucheit has stepped up to volunteer for the Vice Chairman's position. Mike has held this position as well as the chairman's position in the past. Mark Madeira has stepped up to volunteer for the Treasurer's spot, long held by Norm Neffield. This will be Mark's first time as a board member. These were the only volunteers for the open positions since they've been advertised. We will take nominations and vote at our annual Holiday Banquet/Membership meeting at Rizzo's in December. My reign as Chairman will end at the end of December and Brooke Madeira will take my place. She will be our chapter's first Chairwoman!

Our fall judged meet at Greenwood's Hubbard Chevrolet is fast approaching. If you haven't done so already, please register as soon as possible, so Bill can plan judging assignments accordingly. The registration form can be found in the back of this newsletter.

Finally, once again I'm asking that you save this date, June 4-7 2026. That's when we will be hosting our PTSC Regional in Altoona, Pa. Don Geary will once again be the regional chairman. We will need as many volunteers as we can get to help out with a variety of tasks. So, start thinking about volunteering and what you'd like to do to help. Remember, this is your chapter too!

Take care all, stay safe and I hope to see you at our next two-chapter events.

*Jimmy*



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## Judging Chairman's Message: Bill Bryan- #291

Well, the year has certainly flown by, it's already mid-September. Currently I'm working on the paperwork for our next chapter event, and that is our meet at Greenwood's Hubbard Chevrolet in Hubbard, Ohio. This is really a nice venue and we always get some real nice Corvettes to judge.

This is a two-day 5- point event. Those that attend Saturday night's judging school and participate in OPS judging will receive three judging points. On Sunday if you judge you will earn two points. We will have our October Chapter board meeting on Saturday from 4:30 to 5:00 pm. Following that we will start Operations Judging on the cars that are there so that we can get them all inside and staged for Sunday. Finally, on Saturday evening we will have a Judging School focusing on Standard Deductions. Items such as; batteries, tires and windshields to be specific. Then dinner at a local restaurant.

I ask that you please sign up early so that I can give everyone an assignment. I try to honor your requests, but sometime it's just not possible. It all depends on how many judges we have. If I ever miss assigning you, please bring it to my attention and I will correct it. I welcome everyone, if you don't feel confident enough to judge I always encourage you to be an Observer Judge, often referred to as an OJ. Many times, it is the best way to learn by observing those with more experience, even if you have 0 points. I can sign you up for OJ and you will be surprised at what you learn.

I attended four judging seminars at this year's National Convention. I have some ideas and subjects that will be discussed in some of our future events. If anyone has any topics or suggestions, please let me know when you see me at one of our events, or just email or give me a call.

Hope to see many of you at Hubbard next month. Please sign up soon as possible either as a judge, or a car owner, you're all welcome!

I will have my '67 ready and there to be judged for the first time. I'm just finishing up the convertible top. Ask me how much fun that is, but I'm getting through it. A picture is attached below of me watching the Al Knoch video and trying to complete the task. It is very stressful and with a lot of patience it's all rewarding in the end! *Bill*





## The NCRS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Convention at Hampton, Virginia 2024

*Write up: Jimmy Patitucci/Photos: Vinnie Peters, Bill Bryan, Bob Stokes*

Our Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter was very well represented at this year's NCRS National Convention as you will be able to see in the photos that follow. We had many members with cars for judging and display and other members present as judges, spectators or award recipients.

The members who had their cars there for judging and display were: Bill Bryan, Mike Bucheit, Mark Paup, CJ Titterington, Jim Oliverio, Shane Brudnok, Richard Small and Brian McIntrye. *Congratulations to all the award winners!* (Note photo captions for awards etc.). Member Roger Zrimsek participated in the Road Tour only.

Also worth noting is that during the awards ceremony the NCRS recognized those members who were present that were part of the original 400 initial 1973/74 membership. Our very own Bill Bryan was part of that group. (see photo) His NCRS number is #291. FYI: We also still have very early NCRS members currently in our chapter who weren't at the Convention, and they are: Howard Baker #35, John(Barry) Holmes #940, Ray Shaffer #263 and Jim Wainwright #262.

Enjoy the following photos courtesy of those noted above, I tried to provide information in the captions as best I could from the information presented to me from those members in attendance. *JP*

***Jim Oliverio along side his 1955 received the Duntov Award***



***Mark Paup in his 1967 Top Flight Award***



***Mike Bucheit in his 1967 Top Flight Award***



***Bill Bryan in his 1965 Duntov Award Winner***







*Photo at left: Bill Bryan receiving one of his many awards. This one is the 400 pt. judges award. He also earned his Red Hat Award photo below, and his 300 pt. judges' award. As well as his car earned the Duntov Award.*

*Pictured with Bill from left to right are: Mike McCagh, Bill, Terry McManmon and Roy Sinor.*

*Congratulations Bill!!*



**Bob Stokes receiving our 2023 Chapter Top Flight Award from Mark Tulley**

**Brian McIntyre getting his Sportsman Award from Mike McCagh and Roy Sinor**



**Bill receiving his Red Hat award from Roy Sinor**



**The group photo of all the first 400 NCRS members 1973/74. Bill is fourth in from the left.**





**Pat Callahan (Kropac) receiving her judging Award . Pat was our past District III Director and is a chapter member.**



**Bill with NCRS member Richard Small, our member from Florida.**



**CJ Titterington with his 1963 Race Car American Heritage Display**



**Bill's 1965**



**PTSC from L-R: Tom Barr, Bob Stokes, Bill Bryan, Mike Bucheit, Carol McIntyre, Brian McIntyre and Mark Paup**



**Jim Oliverio receiving his Duntov Award**



Please note that all the photos included here as well as the information were from those members in attendance or from Vinnie Peters, and not the **RPM** Editor. Feel free to check out more photos from the National on the NCRS Technical Discussion Board. All the judging results will be in the next *Restorer Magazine* ! **Thank you all!**

## RPM Technically Speaking: “The Fun Goes on With My 1965 Coupe”

*by: Bob Cirilli #3719*

Many of you know about and have seen my 1965 coupe. I bought it out of a twenty-five-year storage situation. The environment was dry and I didn't expect any major issues. *Never, never, assume that!* Initially, I planned to replace the interior and have the engine checked out. It wasn't numbers matching so I was basically looking for a driver. This was my fourth C2 and first coupe. Well, as one would expect I went through numerous engine tweaks, one was to install an electronic ignition which later failed due to improper installation, which was then done right. A brake line that went through the interior which led to lifting the body off to run a new line. 65's are funny like that. That should have been a warning to go 100% but it wasn't. This was to be my budget driver. Well numerous other things were done and all along the speedometer would sometime work and sometimes not. I decided to buy a rebuilt speedometer and tach so a local mechanic and friend could swap them out. After the swap and LED installation he took it out for a test drive and guess what? The speedometer was doing the same thing as the old one. After more investigation it was learned that the gear going into the \* M22 “Rock Crusher” transmission was bad. So, you guessed it, the transmission had to come out. The story doesn't end there because after it was pulled, pieces of gears were found in the bottom of it. Ok, now it had to be rebuilt, with three broken teeth on three gears. The odd thing was it never made a noise or gave me any issue shifting. I'm afraid to think what might be my next surprise. I still can't complain because I have to remember it's a 59-year-old car that was surely raced (it has rear flared fenders and a correct casting NOM). I remember only too well how we had run those cars when they were just used cars back in the day! *Another perfect example of how one thing can lead to another when working on or restoring these old Corvettes. Thought this little technical piece could help someone else having in-accurate speedometer/odometer issues, to not forget to check the transmission.* The fun goes on!

*Robert Cirilli*

\*Muncie also had a second close-ratio transmission coded M22 and known as the “rock crusher”, which was used behind performance big-block engines and in some Corvettes. These M22 units are highly sought-after for performance applications. The term “rock crusher” refers to the noise (whine) made by the meshing of the stronger helical gears in the M22. Later model 1971-'74 Muncies are also popular with racers, because these transmissions used a 32-spline, and the newer units seem to perform better in high-rpm and high-horsepower applications.





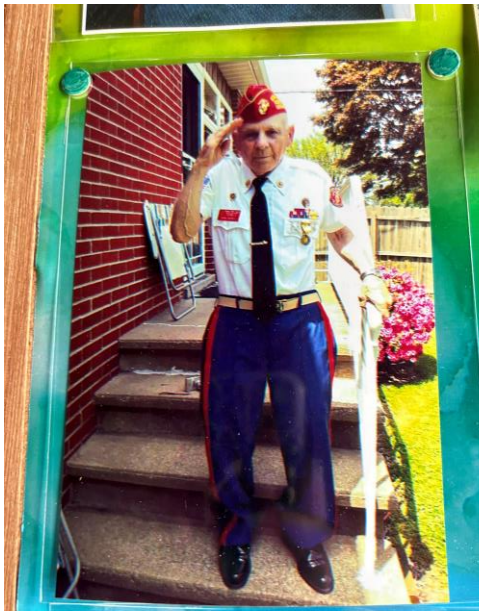
# Memorial To George Whipkey

By: Don Geary #29217



On July 21<sup>st</sup> several of our PTSC members attended a memorial to George Whipkey at Twin Lakes Park in Greensburg PA. We joined approximately 50 other people who came to see Pat, his wife, and the rest of his family. George was a Marine and he was proud of it. George was a charter member of our chapter and was known as "Road Tour George" to us who were led by him and Pat on numerous road tours in our Corvettes. The chapter actually held some board meetings at his home and "show room" in the early years of our chapter. The Marines conducted a military ceremony as part of the memorial. Several chapter members brought our Corvettes as a show of our respect for him and Pat. Ron Skena from our chapter brought George's old '65 as part of the tribute. We want to say thanks to George and all veterans who make our lives better with their service.

*Don Geary*



**Marine Memorial Flag Presentation**



**Right Photo: L-R Linda & Norm Nefffield, Judy & Don Geary**



**Open Board Positions for 2025:** We will have two open board positions for 2025. Chapter Treasurer and Chapter Vice Chairman. These positions are not appointed but must be voted on by the membership. We will accept nominations and vote at our annual Membership Meeting and Holiday Banquet in December. As of now we do have two members who expressed interest in filling the positions. Mark Madeira is interested in the Treasurers position and Mike Bucheit said that he is interested in the Vice-Chairman's position. The duties for each position are defined in our Bi-Laws, published in our Membership Booklet!

## 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?

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**Note:** Current board members will be more than happy to mentor anyone interested or thinking about possibly volunteering for any position. All you have to do is ask! Better yet come to a monthly board so we can get to know you and you us!

Regards, J. Patitucci, Chairman

## Membership News: Judy Geary

- As of our September board meeting, we have 117 members.
- Three members have not paid dues on the National level.
- We dropped 11 members for non-payment of dues.
- One new member.

## *Welcome our newest member:*

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## **Reminder!**

"Members, remember that you must be a paid-up member in good standing with the *National NCRS* in order to become or "remain" a member of our *Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter*."



## *Annual PTSC Picnic and Membership Meeting at Indian Lake Park*

By: Jimmy Patitucci/Photos: Don Geary & J. Patitucci



*On Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> our Chapter held its annual picnic and general membership meeting at the beautiful Indian Lake Park in North Huntingdon. We had 30 people sign up and attend the event. We had a gorgeous day weather wise, not too hot, and a nice cool breeze blew through our pavilion throughout the day. No rain in sight!! Because of the great weather we had 10 members drive their Corvettes, of which you can take a look at in the photos.*

*Once again, this year the picnic was catered and the food was fantastic and there certainly was plenty of it. Thanks to Paul and Renee DiSanto and Frank and Kathy Gavron for organizing everything once again this year. Not an easy feat by any means.*

*Beside all the great food we also had an abundance of delicious desserts brought in by the members. Oh, yeah, and we can't forget Brooke's famous macaroni salad.*

*I held a brief August board meeting to update everyone on current chapter activities, upcoming events and Norm gave his monthly Treasurer's Report. It was great to see everyone and spend quality time just catching up. That's what the picnic is all about...fellowship, and yes, we even talk about our Corvettes! A good time was had by all and no one left hungry.*

*I hope to see many of you at our future remaining events. JP*  
*Enjoy the picnic photos on the following pages!*





***Just by perusing the photos you can see what a beautiful day we had and how nice it is at the picnic for everyone to get together and enjoy the fellowship. Remember the NCRS isn't just about the Corvettes, its about the people too!***



**Bob Thompson (at right) offering the blessing before we ate!**



**Our Chapter has always been known for having the best food at all our events!**



**Don Geary (right) chatting with our new member Dana Smith**



**Don't worry Brooke you'll do a fine job as Chairwoman next year!**





***Me, updating the members on remaining Chapter events.***



***All the Corvettes driven to the picnic this year!  
Tough to get them all in one photo! Enjoy!***



***Norm going over the latest Treasurer's Report***





The brake pedal on my 65 Corvette Coupe went to the floor while trying to move the car. I opened the master cylinder and it was empty. Lifting the car, and checking the lines and calipers showed no leakage. However, under the master cylinder I found a puddle. Evidently, the seals leaked. I ordered a new master cylinder from the AC Delco parts store. On 65 Corvettes there was a single cylinder. The body and cap were painted semi- gloss black.

I painted the replacement semi- gloss black. Installed the body on the firewall and reinstalled the main brake line and filled it with DOT 5 brake fluid. Prior to reinstalling the cap, I pumped the brake pedal several times to bleed the master cylinder.

I reinstalled the cap and used a pressurized one- man bleeder to bleed the system starting at the right rear caliper and ending at the left front. The one- man bleeder consists of an air tank, master cylinder adapter and air hose fitting. Fill the tank to 20 psi and start the bleeding process until the bled fluid is liquid solid. I finished the process and now have a hard  $\frac{3}{4}$  pedal.



Pictures shown above include the painted part and the one-man bleeder setup on the mounted master cylinder. I hope this short tech article would be of some help for others attempting this job with their restoration project.

*Dave Kitch*



## Corvettes at Carlisle (50 years 1974 – 2024)



Peggy and I went up on Thursday this year. The weather was absolutely beautiful. Not too hot, and no sign of any rain in the forecast. This was the nicest day weather wise that we've ever experienced since we've started to go. It was certainly sad not seeing John DeGregory in his trailer at his spot. However, it was nice to be able to visit with other PTSC members and a few of my NCRS friends. We had four Chapter members who had their Corvettes on display in the NCRS Gallery tent. (Photos below).

**Mike & Kristine Bucheit's 1966**



**Tim & Karen Medice's 1969**



**Rick Hale's 1956**



**Bill & Cindy Bryan's 1959**



**(L-R) Tim & Karen Medice, Rick Hale, Bill Bryan, Mike Bucheit**  
**Congratulations to all and thank you for sharing your beautiful Corvettes with everyone at Carlisle 2024.**

**\*Note: See the list of our PTSC members who received the Celebrity Pick Special Awards at Carlisle this year on page 17.**





**Sad News: NCRS Member # 1 Gary Mortimer has passed.**  
**1941-2024**



***From our District III Director Vito Cimilluca:***



"I just wanted to take a moment to share with the board/employees and NCRS members, that while attending the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary bash at the National Corvette Museum this memorial with a sympathy registry for the Mortimer family and red roses was displayed at the entrance of the Museum. A fitting tribute to NCM Hall of Fame member and one of the NCRS founding members Number 1." (Vito photo: Vinnie Peters)



Gary was a Civil Engineer and Commercial Construction Project Manager by trade. He helped form the NCRS in 1974 and served eight years as the club's first President. He also loved his decades spent as the Membership & Merchandise Chairman. Later, he was honored to be a member of both the National Corvette Museum Hall of Fame and Bloomington Gold Corvette Hall of Fame. He attended every Indianapolis 500 race since 1948, a total of 76 in a Row! (Info. Taken from his obituary published on the NCRS discussion board September 1, 2024.)



Dear Fellow Board Members,

“At the end of our Board Meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>, some of you reported that you were getting questions from your constituents about NCRS being “at war” with Bloomington Gold. I want to address that concern and hopefully put it to bed.

The NCRS is not “at war” with Bloomington Gold or any other Corvette organization or collector car show host. Regardless of whether those other organizations are also non-profit groups or a for-profit judging business like Bloomington Gold, we are all part of the same hobb in one form or another. The NCRS has long respected the traditional scheduling of Bloomington Gold’s annual event in late June of each year. That is why the Board has historically avoided scheduling any regional or national events in the last half of June. It is out of respect for the Bloomington Gold organization. Furthermore, we make it a point to publish our future Regional events and Conventions at least two years in advance to give our members and the car-collecting world plenty of advance notice of our upcoming events. We do that so that our members can save the dates for our future events. We also provide those dates so that other car groups can take notice and hopefully not schedule competing events during our event times.

When other groups schedule Corvette judging events during our scheduled event dates, it creates unwanted conflicts for judges who may want to judge for both the NCRS and other groups, such as Bloomington Gold. It also creates conflicting and competing dilemmas for owners who may want to have their cars judged by the NCRS and other groups as well. Out of fairness to our members, member/judges and member car owners, the NCRS believes that it is in the best interests of all Corvette judging groups to avoid conflicts in scheduling upcoming events.

***For example, in 2021 the NCRS Board approved the NCRS Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter’s proposal to plan and conduct the Altoona, Pa., Regional in early June 2023. It was published two years prior to the event itself. Much later after announcing and publishing the Altoona Regional, Bloomington Gold decided to schedule its annual judging event in very early June and in conflict with our Regional in Altoona, Pa. That created an unwanted conflict for judges who were forced to choose which event to attend, and it created conflicts for owners who were forced to decide whether to take their car for judging at our NCRS event or the Bloomington event.***

These conflicts can be avoided if other organizations schedule their events at times that do not conflict with our own, previously scheduled events. It seems only fair to expect other judging groups to respect our scheduled events as we respect theirs. When other groups, such as Bloomington Gold, disregard our scheduled event dates, and instead schedule their judging events during our previously scheduled NCRS Regional or National events, we have to wonder if Bloomington Gold or other groups respect our schedules as much as others urge us to respect their competing events.

I am asking you to assure your regional members that we are not “at war” with Bloomington Gold or any other Corvette car group. We will continue to publish our future events well in advance of their scheduled dates, and we will continue to do whatever is necessary and prudent to protect the NCRS’s best interests, including our scheduled events. As Board members, we owe a duty of loyalty to the NCRS. We are also ambassadors and messengers for the NCRS. Please communicate with your regional members and assure them that we will continue to be respectful of other Corvette groups as we expect those groups to be equally respectful of our future events. It is a two-way street.”

Mike Ingham,  
NCRS President



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## Guy Larsen, President of Bloomington Gold's Response

To all Bloomington Gold members, judges, and car owners;

"A week ago, Mike Ingham, President of the NCRS, distributed a letter to members of NCRS. A key portion of the letter was to dispel the thought of NCRS being "at war" with Bloomington Gold Corvettes. He also stated that "we are all part of the same hobby."

Bloomington Gold supports these statements from Mr. Ingham. Bloomington Gold also agrees that there is no, nor should there be, any animosity between Bloomington Gold and NCRS and that both organizations are important parts of the same hobby. In fact, many of you participate and enjoy attending events by both organizations.

Bloomington Gold Corvettes highly respects the NCRS organization and wishes them the best success. We both hope all NCRS and Bloomington Gold events to continue and grow and prosper and for the Corvette hobby to continue to be strong. This hobby is about enjoying great Corvettes and seeing great friends at the different events.

Bloomington Gold Corvettes will make every effort to avoid scheduling of events that may cause a conflict with NCRS events or other Corvette events. Sometimes there is limited availability of facilities to hold Bloomington Gold events, but we strive to avoid any conflicts. As Mr. Ingham stated we will both be respectful of other Corvette groups and their events as we expect them to be respectful of our future events. It is a two-way street, and we can all work together to make things successful for both organizations."

Thank you and enjoy your Corvette summer!

Guy Larsen

President, Bloomington Gold Corvettes

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### ***PTSC Members who won a "Celebrity Pick" Special Award this year!***

*As published by the Carlisle Events Results for Corvettes at Carlisle 2024*

***\*Mark & Brooke Madeira 1992 ZR1 Corvette – Celebrity Pick chosen by: Art Colussy***

***\*Jim Oliverio 1962 Corvette – Celebrity Pick chosen by: Bob Cook Corvette Enthusiast***

***\*Dana Smith 1961 Corvette – Celebrity Pick chosen by: Michael Boyer, York County Corvette Club &  
- Celebrity Pick chosen by: Adam Buck, WWII American Experience***

***\*Dennis Webber 1971 LT1 Corvette – Celebrity Pick chosen by: Bill Miller, Carlisle Events***

***\*Kathy Webber 2023 Corvette – Celebrity Pick chosen by: Sports Car Club of America***

***Congratulations to all!***



**PTSC Members “Out-n-About!”** *(photo: Bob Stokes)*



PTSC Members who were in attendance at the **2024 Colussy Corvette Show** this summer.

(L-R) Bob Stokes, Dennis Webber, Dan Laur, Stu Benson, Brooke Madeira, Paul DiSanto, Mark Madeira.



**Remaining PTSC Events in 2024**

**October 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>** PTSC “Two-day”  
Judged Event  
at Greenwood’s Hubbard Chevrolet,  
Hubbard Ohio

**Coordinators: Bill Bryan/Ken Jelley**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** PTSC Annual Holiday Banquet  
& General Membership Meeting at  
Rizzo’s Malabar Inn, Crabtree, Pa.  
**Coordinator, Don Geary**



**Save the Date! June 4-6, 2026 Pittsburgh  
Tri-State Chapter Pennsylvania Regional,  
Altoona, Pa. (Event Logo below)**



**Don Geary will be the Regional Event Chairman, Bill Bryan will be the Judging Chairman, Brooke Madeira will be our PTSC Chairwoman in 2026.**



**PTSC Fall Road Tour to: Zippo/Case Museum, Bradford, Pa. The Wilds Sonshine Factory, Kane, Pa., Kinsua Bridge, Mt. Jewett, Pa, Greenberg Cadillac Museum, Brookville, Pa.**

***Tour Coordinator & Write-up: Michael Bucheit/Photos: Jimmy & Peggy Patitucci***

We had a great Road tour this past weekend.

Eight of us left the BIG LOTS Parking Lot in Latrobe at 9:00 am Saturday morning. We travelled north thru Blairsville, Indiana, Punxsutawney, to Brookville. We connected with eight additional members at Sheetz in Brookville. This was a beautiful caravan of seven Corvettes, five C8's, one C7 and one C6.

From Brookville, we travelled north thru Sigel, took 819 north to Marienville. From Marienville we traveled thru Kane to Lantz Corners. Then we took 219N to Bradford.

The weather was beautiful with the leaves just starting to turn. The drive was beautiful. We arrived in Bradford at 2:00 o'clock and first stopped at *MAMA JANES EATERY* for Lunch. The food was great. After Lunch we drove to the *ZIPPO/CASE MUSEUM*.

We were all very impressed with the *ZIPPO/CASE MUSEUM*. The museum is a very beautiful facility. We were given a guided tour thru the museum and learned the history of the ZIPPO LIGHTER and the history of CASE KNIVES. Most of us purchased Knives and other products from the Museum.

After a photo op taken with the group and all the Vettes out front, we then checked into our Motel Rooms.

We enjoyed a great dinner at a Private Club in Bradford (Members Only) called the *PENN HILLS CLUB*.

At the *PENN HILLS CLUB* we had a private dining area where we all had a wonderful dinner.

In fact, "*Road Tour Mike*" and John Kuhns enjoyed Shrimp and Lobster Tail.



We left Bradford Sunday morning and drove to *Kinzua Bridge State Park* located two miles from Mt. Jewett. The park is absolutely beautiful. The Visitor Center is awesome and walking out on the Bridge to the overlook was great. The scenery was spectacular.

After our visit to the park, we drove into Kane and stopped at the *Wilds Sonshine Factory*. The *Wilds Sonshine Factory* is a unique destination on several fronts, primarily for their signature product line which is distilled spirits made from sunflower seeds.

After we sampled the various products, we drove back to Brookville and visited *The Greenberg Cadillac Museum* with eighty-three (83) Cadillacs. Unbelievable Collection of Cadillacs.

From the Cadillac Museum we drove to Blairsville and had a late lunch at *CLEM's BARBECUED RIBS*. GREAT, GREAT RIBS !

The trip was a great, we had a great time, and of course the weather was beautiful.



Enjoy the photos on the following pages. *Mike*





*Starting the tour out in Latrobe.*

*(L-R) Don & Judy Geary, Mike Bucheit, Dana & Stephanie Smith and Bob & Sandy Stokes.*

**Photo: J. Patitucci**



***Above photo of the Corvettes in line ahead of Peggy and I, with Mike leading the way. What a sight. The leaves were just starting to change colors in some parts of the tour. Yet, still a cool sight! Photos at the right are from Mama Jones Eatery (where we had lunch on Saturday), and obviously the Zippo/Case Knives Signs!***







*Close up of group photo on the right from (L-R),*

**Tom & Susan Franczyk, Stephani & Dana Smith,  
Don & Judy Geary, Jimmy & Peggy Patitucci,  
John Kuhns(front), Mike Bucheit (back), Bob &  
Sandy Stokes, Christine & Ray Shaffer, and  
Kathy & Tom Bell.**





**Presenting our  
Zippo/Case  
Tour Guide with  
our PTSC  
Appreciation  
Plaque.**

**(L-R) Me, John  
Kuhns,(club PR)  
Sunshine  
“Sonny” Burkett  
(Tour Guide),  
Mike Bucheit  
and Don Geary.**



**Next up: Saturday Evening Dinner at the beautiful Pennhills Country Club in Bradford, Pa. McKean County!**

**Corvettes on display in front of the palatial Country Club. *(Photo: J.Patitucci)***





## **Up next on the tour:**

The 339 -acre Kinzua Bridge State Park, located in McKean County, is the home of the reinvented Kinzua Viaduct. The Viaduct, once the longest and tallest railroad structure at 2,053 feet long 301 feet high, was partially destroyed by a tornado during 2003. Reinvented as a pedestrian walkway during 2011, visitors can stroll 600 feet out on the remaining support towers, peer miles out into the Kinzua Gorge, and gaze down through the partial glass platform at the end of the walkway. The Kinzua Bridge State Park Visitors Center and Park Office features great views, self-guiding exhibits, and information about the surrounding area. [dcnr.pa.gov](http://dcnr.pa.gov)

## ***Kinzua Bridge State Park, Mt. Jewette***



***Group photo: Note the partial glass platform in foreground.***



***Photo at the left is a model/illustration comparing the original steel viaduct pillars being as tall as the Statue of Liberty.***

***Photo on the right shows the fallen steel pillars after the tornado hit the viaduct in 2003.***







The next stop Mike arranged for us on the tour was THE WILDS SONSHINE FACTORY in Kane, Pa.

The Wilds Sonshine Factory is a unique limited spirits distillery and agricultural education center in the heart of the PA Wilds. It highlights natural resources that have literally built not only Kane and the PA Wilds, but Pennsylvania as a whole.

The spirits are made from Sunflower Seeds.



**Taylor McConnell was our tour guide at the distillery. A Penn State Alum!**



**The distillery is also home of the 43-foot-long bar cut from a hemlock tree in Warren County. It's the world's longest bar made from one continuous piece of wood, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. Taylor said this bar beat the previous record of the "Captain's Table" in Australia, which is 36-feet-long. She said, "we wanted a place to be able to gather everybody all in one place."**

**As you can see in the photo above, we all sat at the bar for a group photo while we sampled some of the spirits!**

**In the photo at the left Mike and I welcome a new chapter member. G. Adams according to his name tag!**





## Final Stop: Greenberg Cadillac Museum, Brookville, Pa.



The Greenberg Cadillac Museum is a comprehensive collection of over 80 Cadillacs from every model group and decade. The collection reflects the evolution of over 100 years of trends, innovations, tastes and aspirations. Today Cadillac still stands apart...an icon of American industrial strength and pride that exemplifies – “Made in USA”. (from the brochure).

**The owner Steve Greenberg (far left below ) greeting us before the tour!**



**Above: Presenting Steve with our PTSC Appreciation Award Plaque. (L-R) Steve, Mike, Me and Margie McKnight.**







## Election Candidate Profile

### Region III - 1 Candidate

Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey,  
Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia

#### **Vito Cimilluca NCRS # 24165**

51 Guernsey Ln  
Colonia, NJ 07067-3103

**Phone:** 732-491-5907

**Email:** vitoc@comcast.net

**Vocation:** I currently serve as the Business Administrator for Woodbridge Township, a position I have held since 2019. In this capacity, I oversee an annual budget of \$230 million and manages 1,400 employees. Before stepping into this role, I was the Director of Recreation for Woodbridge Township from 2011 to 2019. For nearly two decades, I served as the Captain for the Police Department, where I was responsible for the entire division and Special Police. My versatile knowledge and experience in managerial positions has honed his skills as an efficient supervisor and team player.

**Corvettes Owned:** 1963 coupe, 1963 convertible and a 2005

**Past and Present NCRS Activities:** Throughout the years I have owned over 41 Corvettes, have personally restored several of those 41 and I own five Corvettes at this time. My family and I have taken a few Corvettes through the system, many Flight awards, 2 Mark of Excellence awards, a Five Star Bowtie, and most recently a Crossed Flags award. I became involved in judging in the early 90s and became a Master Judge in 1999, currently I am a 400 Level Judge. I have also served as an instructor at three judging retreats.

**Statement of goals:** I have probably worked on every judging team imaginable over the years, but honestly my focus is on C3's. I served as the Manual Coordinator, along with Allen Tremain, for 84-86 and 87-89. Additionally, I have served as the first C4 National Team Leader - during that time I authored the guidelines for the Crossed Flags Award.

In 2002 I became the Region III Director and served on the NCRS Board of Directors until 2016. From 2003 to 2007 I served as the NCRS National Vice President and National Activities Chairman where I oversaw four National Conventions, from 2007 to 2014 I was the NCRS National President. In 2022 I was reappointed to the board and I'm currently serving as the Region III Director

#### **NCRS Calendar of Events 2024**

Queen City Chapter Meet Oct. 12 Glendale, Indiana

Texas Regional Oct. 17-19 Frisco Texas

**Pittsburgh Chapter Meet – Oct.19-20 Hubbard, Ohio**

Arizona Chapter Meet – Nov. 2 Mesa, Arizona

Florida Chapter Meet – Nov. 8 – Howey in the Hills Fla.

Southern Nevada Chapter Meet- Nov. 2 -Henderson, Nevada

#### **2025**

Florida Regional Jan. 15-18 Melbourne, Fla.

Carolinas Regional April 3-5- Clemson Univ. S.Carolina

Arizona Regional May 1-3- Glendale, Arizona

Kansas City/St. Louis Regional- July 16-19 Springfield, MO.

**NCRS Convention Sept 7-11 – Las Vegas, Nevada**

Texas Regional Oct. 23-25- Frisco, Texas

#### **2026 Events**

**Pittsburgh Tri-State Regional- June 4-6-Altoona, Pa.**

**NCRS National Convention- July 26-30- Charleston, SC**

Texas Regional Oct. 22-24 – Frisco, Texas

*As listed in the Sept./Oct. 2024 Driveline*





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NCRS Foundation  
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<https://www.ncrs.org/foundation/>

***Request by Gary Chestnut to run the above ad pertaining to the NCRS Foundation Scholarship Foundation Program. Gary is the NCRS foundation V.P.***

All PTSC members cast your vote for Vito/ use this link <https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/vote.php>



## *PTSC Classifieds:*

### For Sale:

2007 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe. Black exterior with Black leather interior. LS2 6.0-liter V8 Engine 400 hp. Automatic transmission with Paddle shift option. Removable glass tinted roof. Chrome wheels, new tires. Mileage 15,489 original. Radio/ cd player, Ac, Lt1 trim package. Class winner at multiple local Corvette shows. Super Clean no damages/ clean title. Asking Price \$32,900. Serious inquiries only.

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# PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER MEET

[WWW.NCRSPITT.COM](http://WWW.NCRSPITT.COM)

**Sat Oct 19 & Sun Oct 20, 2024 – All Flight Judging Indoors**

Greenwood's Hubbard Chevrolet 2635 N. Main Hubbard OH 44425 800-635-0339

NCRS Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ **5 judging points given for both day's participation**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

## EVENT SCHEDULE – SATURDAY OCT 19, 2024

**5:00PM – 7:00PM** REGISTRATION AND OPS JUDGING **7:00PM** JUDGING SCHOOL

## SUNDAY OCT 20, 2024

**7:30 AM – 9:00 AM** Registration & Ops judging – **9:00 AM** Owners and Judges Meeting – **12:00 PM** Lunch

**9:15 AM – 3:00 PM** Flight Judging – **3:30 PM** Awards – **Note: Cars Must Be OPS Judged Before Entry**

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

- ☐ Registration fee: **per person:** Everybody ie., Owner/Spectator/Judge/Tab (Includes Lunch) \$10 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Flight Judging Car Entry .....Trailer Parking free .....\$65 if ONLINE .....\$75 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Concours Judging Car Entry .....Trailer Parking free .....\$50 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Late Fee for Judged Car Entries (if Postmarked after Saturday, 10/14/2024) .....\$30 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Sportsman Display Without Ribbon \$10 – **OR** – With Ribbon .....\$20 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Bowtie/Duntov/McLellan/Hill or Special Interest Display .....\$0 .....\$ N/C
- ☐ Join or Renew Pittsburgh Chapter Membership .....\$20 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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...

1<sup>st</sup> Preference...

2<sup>nd</sup> Preference...

Year	As Needed	OPS	INT	EXT	ENG	Chassis

Judging Level \_\_ – or – Don't Know ☐

I would like to tabulate ☐

I would like to be an Observer Judge ☐

## CAR ENTRY PARTICIPATION

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Coupe ☐/Conv. ☐ Engine HP \_\_\_\_\_ VIN \_\_\_\_\_ Body # \_\_\_\_\_ (63-67)

Ext Color \_\_\_\_\_ Paint Code \_\_\_\_\_ Int. Color \_\_\_\_\_ Trim Code \_\_\_\_\_ Int. Fabric \_\_\_\_\_ Build Date \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Co \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

*Please send copies of your owner and insurance cards with this registration form. Limit 4 cars per class.*

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 must be presented at the meet.

**I have read and agree to comply with the COVID-19 update published by NCRS in the Driveline.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS, Registration and must be postmarked by Oct 14, 2024 to avoid a late fee.

**REGISTER ONLINE at** [WWW.NCRS.ORG](http://WWW.NCRS.ORG) **or Send to:** Bill Bryan, 410 Mile Hill Rd, Duncansville, PA 16635

**Local Meet Coordinator:** Ken Jelley Phone: 330-219-2711 or [jelleysspp@aol.com](mailto:jelleysspp@aol.com)

**PTSC Chairman:** Jim Patitucci Phone: 412-582-0951 or [jppat@breezeline.net](mailto:jppat@breezeline.net)

**Judging Chairman** Bill Bryan Phone: 814-931-9101 or [crosskeystv@yahoo.com](mailto:crosskeystv@yahoo.com)

**Note:** "NCRS" in subject line when e-mailing





**PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER NCRS**  
**34<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting**  
**Holiday Banquet**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2024**  
**2:00 P.M.**



**Rizzo's Malabar Inn**  
**126 Rizzo Rd, Crabtree, PA 15624**  
**(724) 836-4323**

**Directions from Route 22: Take 119 S. to Crabtree, right on Rizzo Rd. Restaurant on right.**  
Menu: Hors d'oeuvres: Fried Zucchini, Pizza and Calamari  
Dinner buffet: Chicken Romano, Lasagna, Baked Cod, Salad, vegetables and Dessert Included.  
Cash bar

Contact Don Geary to arrange for special dietary menu, if needed.

Don Geary [dlgeary@comcast.net](mailto:dlgeary@comcast.net) 724-875-7749

2:00 PM — Cocktail Hour (Cash bar & Hors d'oeuvres)

3:00 PM — Dinner

4:30 PM — General Membership Meeting

**Dress Code:** Smart Casual or Holiday Attire

**Note: All CDC and NCRS guidelines will be followed to keep us safe, tables separated and Rizzo's buffet is a served buffet**

**PLEASE BRING A GIFT FOR THE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM or**  
**Write a check to PTSC and the chapter will request NCRS matching funds**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NCRS # \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner for \_\_\_\_ Person(s) @ **\$20.00** each. Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_


**Our Chapter is subsidizing a big part of the dinner & appetizers.**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: December 2, 2024**

Use PAYPAL link on our website or Make Check Payable to: Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS & mail to:

Don Geary  
117 Caldwell Dr, Jeannette, PA 15644



<b>Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter Membership Application</b> <b>Please Print</b>			
Name:		Spouse's Name:	
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City:		State:	Zip:
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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:			
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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Signature:		Date:	
Direct any questions to Judy Geary at 724-834-5586 or email at gearyjt@comcast.net			