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

It's hard to believe that my two- year term serving as Chairman is up at the end of this month. It has certainly been a pleasure. We have so many great people in our chapter, and I've enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you at all our events.



We had a great calendar of events in 2024 that included tech seminars, judging schools, judging meets, road tours and social events such as our annual picnic and holiday banquet.

The board is currently putting the finishing touches on our events for 2025. Most of which are published later in this newsletter, and on our website.

I am happy to report that our chapter is going strong. We currently have 121 members and had 14 new members join this year. We remain a Top Flight Chapter, and have been one since the NCRS Top Flight Program began 20 years ago!

Our new "Chairwoman" will be Brooke Madeira. She is young and very enthusiastic about taking on her new role, and she will be the first lady to serve in this position. I hope everyone offers her the same support and encouragement that was offered to me. I'm sure she will do a good job leading the chapter for the next two years.

Other new board positions are: Mike Bucheit as Vice-Chairman, Mark Madeira as Treasurer, replacing long time Treasurer, Norm Neffield and Dana Smith as Secretary, replacing Jim Wainwright. All the other board positions will remain the same for at least the next two years, and will be officially appointed by Brooke at our January meeting. I want to personally thank these new volunteers for stepping up to fill these important positions and wish them well.

Let me remind everyone that our board meetings are open to all members, and I encourage you to attend them so that we may get to know you. Hopefully, you'll decide to be the next volunteer to step up to help.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and have a safe, healthy and happy new year!!! See you in 2025!

Sincerely yours,  ${\cal JP}$ 

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### Judging Chairman's Message: Bill Bryan

I hope everyone had a really nice, healthy and successful 2024. I'd like to start by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Speaking of the new year it will be here in just a couple weeks. Take the time to review our 2025 Schedule of Events later on in this newsletter. We have judging schools, flight judged events and technical sessions planned for you again this year. I urge you as members to try to attend as many of these as possible. The board puts a lot of effort in scheduling, planning and organizing them.

Our first event of the new year will be at John Kuhn's Garage. Mark Madeira will give a technical presentation on the C4 engine/drivetrain possibilities. One you won't want to miss. After lunch Mike Bucheit will have a very informative one-point judging school on numbers matching.

Next up in April, we will have our judges' training session, and mini meet, judging just two cars. I plan to have experienced judges on hand to teach those judges new to the hobby. This one is also a favorite to everyone who attends each year. It will be held at All Collector Autos in Bedford. Another one you won't want to miss.

Finally, I finished restoring my '67 earlier this year, now I'm restoring a '63 coupe. Hoping to get it finished while I'm still physically able. Lots of work, but I still enjoy doing it. Better than sitting on a chair watching TV. I've attached a couple photos below showing the stripping process. So far, haven't seen any signs of body damage. Which is a good thing! Have a great holiday season & see you all in the Spring!









# ANNUAL JUDGING MEET AT GREENWOOD'S HUBBARD CHEVROLET, HUBBARD, OHIO

Write up: Jimmy Patitucci Photos: Don Geary & Jimmy Patitucci

# "Where do all these great cars keep coming from?"

It was late October so that meant it was time once again for our chapter's annual judged meet at Greenwood's Hubbard Chevrolet in Hubbard Ohio. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful fall weekend. The fall foliage was at its peak and the leaves were just bursting with all their vibrant fall colors.

Once again, we had a really nice selection of awesome Corvettes to judge from each generation. Thanks to Ken Jelley, Steve Rotunno and the rest of the members from the Shenango Valley Corvette Club.

Every year I keep asking myself, "Where do all these great cars keep coming from?"

We had 9 flight cars, 1 Concours and 5 Sportsman displays registered.

The dealership, opens its doors to us for the weekend and we have the entire showroom and conference room at our disposal. All the flight cars are able to be housed inside the showroom for judging. Steve also provides a great lunch for everyone on Sunday, this year it was delicious fried chicken, mashed potatoes, perogies, Italian sausage, bread and butter.

We held a brief PTSC board meeting on Saturday afternoon, followed by Operations judging and the judging school. Bob Stokes held the judging school. The focus of his presentation was to review the NCRS Standard Deductions. Something very much needed by everyone, especially on the eve of flight judging the next day. He spent time on batteries, tires and headlamps. Handouts were provided and Bob reminded everyone to bring them and put them to good use on Sunday.

Following the judging school, we all traveled down the road to the "White Rose" Italian restaurant for our annual dinner get together paid for by the chapter. This has become a highlight for this event every year. The owner, staff and food were fantastic!

Our chapter would like to thank Steve and the dealership for their hospitality as hosts. Ken Jelley for coordinating the event along with our judging chairman Bill Bryan. Bill needs a special thank you for all his hard work organizing a meet like this, especially trying to assign all the judging teams, to make things run as smooth as they do. We certainly can't forget to thank our Tabulators, under the direction of Judy Geary. They have the most important job at every meet. This year's team was: Judy Geary, Sandi Stokes, N.Robin Howard-Arduini and Chris Shaffer.

Finally, thank you to all the Corvette owners who brought out their cars to be judged. Without them we wouldn't have a meet!

It is our goal as a chapter to try to make sure these meets are fun and enjoyable to everyone who attends. Most importantly we hope that the owners learn a lot about their cars and the NCRS judging process. It was obvious to me that we certainly achieved our goal once again this year at Hubbard.

Hope you enjoy the event photos! On the following pages! JP

Vic Cubellis 's 2004 Top Flight



Me handing Vic his Top Flight Ribbon!



Bill Bryan's 1967 Top Flight



Presenting Bill with his Blue Ribbon



Pete Smerechansky's 1998 Top Flight



Presenting Pete with his Blue Ribbon!



Tom Bell's 1976 Top Flight



Presenting Tom his Blue Ribbon!



John Camodeca's 1969 Top Flight



Presenting John with his Blue Ribbon



John Roger's 1964 Top Flight



Presenting John with his Blue Ribbon



Dylan Stahl's '63 & '65 Top Flights



Presenting Dylan with his Ribbons!



Michael Wilson's 1966 Concours 427 Modified Award



Presenting Michael with his Ribbon



Frank Pelly's 1965 Top Flight



Presenting Frank with his Blue Ribbon



Top Flight Award Winners...Congratulations to all!



Ken Jelley's 1957 Sportsman Display



Duane Gomish's 1967 Sportsman Display



Frank Pelly's 1974 Sportsman Display



Kathy Webber's 2023 Sportsman Display



### Dennis Webber's 1971 LT1 Sportsman Display



The Sportsman Display Award Winners -Congratulations



The Tabulators: (N.Robin Howard-Arduini, Judy Geary, Chris Shaffer & Sandy Stokes)... Thank you ladies!



# Official Results as reported by: Judging Chairman Bill Bryan

1963 Corvette Owner: Dylan Stahl Top Flight & Longest Trailered 1964 Corvette Owner: John Rogers Top Flight & Longest Driven 1965 Corvette Owner: Frank Pelly

Top Flight

1965 Corvette Owner: Dylan Stahl

Top Flight

1967 Corvette Owner: Bill Bryan

Top Flight

1969 Corvette Owner: John Camodeca

Top Flight

1976 Corvette Owner: Tom Bell

Top Flight

1998 Corvette Owner: Pete Smerechansky

Top Flight

2004 Corvette Owner: Vic Cubellis

Top Flight

### Concours

1966 Corvette Owner: Michael Wilson

427 Modified Award

#### Sportsman Class

1957 Corvette Owner: Ken Jelley 1967 Corvette Owner: Duane Gomish 1971 Corvette Owner: Dennis Webber 1974 Corvette Owner: Frank Pelly 2023 Corvette Owner: Kathy Webber

# Bill & I presenting Steve Rotunno with our Chapter "Appreciation Award" Plaque...



"Presenting Michael Bucheit with our Chapter "Appreciation Award" Plaque for his outstanding planning forganizing of our Fall Road Tour to Bradford, Pa. Tom Bell is also presenting him with a photo print of our Corvettes on the road tour. Tom's wife Kathy made the painting & prints from my photos and gave one to everyone who went on the tour."

Me, Tom Bell (holding print), & Mike Bucheit





"Thank you so much Kathy, what a nice keepsake from the event! Your talent is amazing!" *JP* 

Bob Stokes presented the Judging School on Saturday afternoon. He primarily focused on the NCRS Standard Deductions. Something everyone needed refreshed on before the judging started on Sunday!



Bob, and his captive audience!



## Membership News: Judy Geary



"As of our December meeting we have 121 members."



## Please welcome our newest members!

1. Adam Beck 308 Red Oak Lane Píttsburgh, Pa. 15241 724-914-9946 <u>abeckd@gmaíl.com</u>

Toys: 1966 Convertible

- 2. Andrew & Stephanie Sue Fetzko 822 Windom St. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15203 412-638-4468 <u>andrewfetzko@gmail.com</u> Toys: 1958
- 3. Duane Gomish
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  gomish@verizon.net
  Toys: 1962, 1967 Coupe
- 4. John Rogers
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  Toys: 1964 Coupe



#### **Attention Members:**

"If you have any changes to your address, your phone numbers, email address or Corvettes since last year please send the changes to me ASAP. We'll need it to update the 2025 Membership Directory. Also, keep in mind that you MUST update your National NCRS membership information as well. "

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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. <a href="https://www.ncrspitt.com">www.ncrspitt.com</a>

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.

# RPM Technically Speaking:

# The Story of Lunn Laminates: "They built the first 1000 Corvette bodies!"

Submitted by Michael Bucheit #41580

### **Background:**

Founded in 1948, Molded Fiberglass (MFG) pioneered many applications for fiberglass-reinforced plastics. The most famous of these applications was the Chevrolet Corvette.

### The story:

MFG celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> year in 1998 and decided to acquire one of these Icons of American Automotive Culture. A thorough search was initiated and lasted many months resulting in the final selection of 1954 Corvette with serial number 2635. It was located in Latrobe, Pa. Today, this 1954 Corvette is housed in the MFG Museum in Ashtabula, Ohio.

Now for the interesting part of this story! It's not that MFG searched for and purchased a fully restored 1954 Corvette from Mike Bucheit (Latrobe, Pa. and an NCRS member and member of the Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS), but why was the Corvette a 1954 and not a 1953?

When Mike and his friend delivered the '54 Corvette to MFG, Mike had the opportunity to meet Robert Morrison, the founder of MFG and his son Richard Morrison, the CEO of all MFG Companies and to ask the question-why not a 1953 Corvette?

It appears that on March 3, 1953 LUNN
LAMINATES submitted a bid to Chevrolet Division with respect to the manufacturer of plastic bodies for the Chevrolet Corvette. LUNN
LAMINATES specialized in the manufacture of reinforced plastic parts by the bag-molding process while MFG Body Company manufactured parts by the matched metal die process and was not equipped for bag molding.

LUNN LAMINATES had previously molded the fiberglass bodies for the "Rockerfeller Yankee" which was displayed at the 1953 Auto Show in Madison Square Garden, NY. At about the same time, the 1953 Corvette was being introduced at the GM Motorama at the Waldorf Astoria in NY. The first "Rockerfeller Yankee" was sold months before the first 1953 Corvette was delivered. It appears that the "Rockerfeller Yankee" was possibly America's first production fiberglass bodied sports car.

LUNN LAMINATES did not receive a contract as a result of the bid. Chevrolet Division awarded the contract for the manufacturer of plastic bodies for the Chevrolet Corvette to Molded Fiberglass Body Company on March 11, 1953. The contract called for the production of parts for the initial 300 Corvettes by the bag-molding process.

At a later date LUNN LAMINATES received an offer from MFB Body Company to take on the bagmolding portion of the Corvette program under a subcontract. LUNN LAMINATES operated the subcontract from May 1953 until December 1, 1953, at which time they received a prime contract from Chevrolet Division. The prime contract did not involve any change in the character of the work performed by LUNN LAMINATES under the subcontract.

The LUMM LAMINATES Corvette bodies were not made in Long Island, NY. LUNN LAMINATES rented space in MFG's building in Ashtabula, OH for a short time to help MFG get through the "crunch" of getting 300 sets of hand laid parts made until the molds were finished for the same press-molded parts for the 1954 Corvette.

(article continued on next page)...

Mr. Morrison indicated during his conversation with Mike Bucheit, that LUNN LAMINATES actually produced approximately 1000 Corvette bodies using the bag-molding process. The first 300 bodies were used for the 1953 Corvette and the rest were used for the 1954 Corvettes. The early '54 Corvettes do have a finish very similar to the '53 bodies, rough with quite a bit of fiberglass mat showing. The later '54 Corvettes (after serial number 700) had a much smoother finish because the manufacturing process had changed from the bag-molding process to the matched metal die process.

### **Conclusion:**

"So, there you have it. The story about LUNN LAMINATES, the production of the 1953 Corvette bodies and why MFG purchased a 1954 Corvette for their museum. I hope that you've enjoyed reading this and found it to be both interesting and informational as it relates to the very first Corvette bodies"......Mike Bucheit

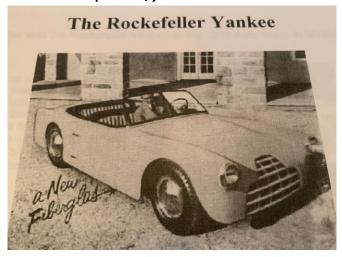
## Note from the RPM editor:

"Mike did a presentation on this for our PTSC judging/technical school at our annual judging meet at B&D Creekside Activity Center, Latrobe, Pa. on June 7, 2024. No part of this technical article may be copied without the permission of the author, RPM editor and the Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS."

### Jimmy Patitucci, Editor

If you have a technical article either informational or one dealing with some restoration/maintenance project you've recently performed on your Corvette please send it to me for inclusion in a future edition of the RPM!

### www.inventorpat.com/yankee.htm



The 1954 Corvette



Mike presenting on Lunn Laminates at B&D in June



# "Now and Then"

### By: Norm Neffield #2799

Every *now and then* you fall in love with a car brand, style, or color. In 1964, I was in high school and working at a small garage in Cleveland, Ohio. Getting around wasn't a problem because I was driving a '55 Chevy with rusted out panels, mostly bald tires and a patchwork of spray can color. What can I say, I had a job and a car!

One day, I went to work after school and in the parking, lot sat a red '59 Corvette. The boss said it's here for a new engine because the owner broke the one in the car. So, within the next week we installed a brand-new short block engine in it. The only stipulation from the owner was that when we delivered it back to him the engine had to be "broke in". Back then this was a requirement before doing any full throttle racing or high-speed driving.

Well, the boss said to me "How would you like to take this home with you, drive it for the weekend and put about 500 miles on it"? What could I say? Wow, was I in heaven! Boy did I put the miles on it, visiting friends, cruising the streets, and hitting all the drive-ins, diners and dives.

Today it's difficult to recall many details about the car except it had a four-barrel carb and was red with white coves. So went my first experience with Corvettes.

Fast forward to 1976. At a Corvette junkyard outside of Mesquite, Texas. I was still a gearhead at heart and needed a project. There it was, just like when Clark Griswald looks up and sees "The Griswald family Christmas tree" standing all alone in a field. A 1964 Coupe with air conditioning. Who cared if it had "fender flairs", street slicks and Pontiac bucket seats. For \$1800 I had my project and I owned my first Corvette. Did I mention the Thrush side pipes, and it was in primer too!



I knew about the NCRS in 1977, but C2's were not within their judging scope until 1983. I did my best restoring the car based on information from magazines, friends and close examination of other Corvettes of the same year. The restoration was truly a labor of love and when I received my first top flight award, I was quite pleased.

Fast forward again to 2019 and "Now and Then" soon became "Then and Now", as I had become too old to work on and maintain the car. It was time to move on. Selling the car was easy but letting go of it was very difficult. Watching someone else drive away with my labor of love for 48 years was hard to do. A sad day to say the least!





Within a few weeks I was looking for something newer that required little maintenance and much more pleasing to drive.

I knew I wanted red. I knew I wanted saddle interior. What I came up with was a 2015, Z51, Crystal Red Metallic with Kalahari interior. A real beauty. Wow! Again, was I one happy Corvette owner!

Then something unexpected happened. The gentleman who I sold the '64 to called and wanted to know if I wanted it back. He knew my son had an interest in owning the car and after his wife had passed away, he realized he needed to downsize his car collection. I did not hesitate an instant about taking it back, making sure that it will stay in the family well in to the future... **Norm Neffield** 

Photo on the left taken in the fall 2024 in same location as photo on the right taken in the spring of 1983. Note: The tree hasn't changed a bit after all those years!



### 2025 PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER EVENTS SCHEDULE



March 9<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Technical Session/Judging School at John Kuhn's Garage Latrobe, Pa. Coordinators: John Kuhns/Bill Bryan

April 27<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Annual Mini Meet/Judging School at All Collector Autos Bedford, Pa. Coordinators: Bill Bryan/Dylan Stahl

May (?) TBA Spring Road Tour/ Erie, Amish Store, Fiberglass Body Panel Shop Coordinators: Tom Bell, Ray Shaffer

June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> (Friday & Saturday) Annual PTSC Judged Meet at B&D Creekside

Latrobe, Pa. Coordinators: Bill Bryan/Brooke Madeira

August 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Annual PTSC Picnic/General Membership Meeting
Indian Lake Park, North Huntingdon, Pa.

Coordinators: Paul DiSanto/Frank Gavron

September  $20^{th}$  &  $21^{st}$  (Sat./Sun.) Fall Road Trip (2 day) to Lancaster, Pa.

**Coordinators: Mike Bucheit/John Kuhns** 

October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday & Sunday) Annual Judged Meet at Greenwood's Hubbard Chevrolet, Hubbard, Ohio. Coordinators: Bill Bryan/Ken Jelley

December 7<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Annual Holiday Banquet/Membership Meeting at

Rizzo's Malabar Restaurant, Crabtree, Pa.

**Coordinator: Don Geary** 

\*All dates subject to change at the discretion of the board. Check website for changes/updates!!!

# NCRS News:

From, Gary Chesnut (5895), <u>New IT email function - Spouses & Significant Others Can Now Receive</u>

NCRS emails.

DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE. GO TO THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSION BOARD TO REPLY!

This thread is located at <a href="https://www.forums.ncrs.org/showthread.php?134968-New-IT-email-function-Spouses-amp-Significant-Others-Can-Now-Receive-NCRS-emails">https://www.forums.ncrs.org/showthread.php?134968-New-IT-email-function-Spouses-amp-Significant-Others-Can-Now-Receive-NCRS-emails</a>

Here is the message that has just been posted:

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Please notify your members that NCRS IT has responded to requests and added an NCRS email ②Opt In② for Associate Members (Spouses and Significant Others) to receive the same NCRS Chapter emails that their Primary NCRS member does.

To ②Opt In②, open a NCRS Help Desk ticket <a href="https://www.ncrs.org/helpdesk/">https C://www.ncrs.org/helpdesk/</a> and request to ②receive same NCRS sent to Primary Member②.

**Gary Chesnut** 

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**NCRS IT Admin** 

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NCRS Upcoming Regional & National Events Calendar 2025				
January 15-18	Florida Regional	Melbourne, Florida		
April 3-5	Carolinas Regional	Clemson University, South Carolina		
May 1-3	Arizona Regional	Glendale, Arizona		
July 16-19	Kansas City/St. Louis Regional	Springfield, Missouri		
August 22-24	NCRS Gallery	Carlisle, Pennsylvania		
Sept. 7-11	NCRS National Convention	Las Vegas, Nevada		
Oct. 23-25	Texas Regional	Frisco, Texas		
<u>2026 Events</u>				
June 4-6	Pittsburgh Tri-State Regional	Altoona, Pennsylvania		
July 26-30	NCRS National Convention	Charleston, South Carolina		
Oct. 22-24	Texas Regional	Frisco, Texas		
*Scheduled as of the NovDec. 2024 Driveline				

### The 2024 PTSC Holiday Banquet and General Membership Meeting

### Write up: Don Geary Photos: Jimmy Patitucci



Well, that's a RAP !!! The PTSC Banquet was our final event of 2024 and we all had a great time and a great year. The weather was excellent for December and our fundraiser for TOYS-for-TOTS brought in approx. 60 toys and around \$200 in cash, for a total value of this fundraiser to approx. \$2000. We thank Dave and Bridget Kitch for taking the gifts to the distribution center.

We had 40 members attend and the buffet at Rizzo's was amazing as usual, and served with an Italian Almond cake for dessert, it was a great meal. Everybody enjoyed the friendship we have developed within our Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter since it was founded in 1990. We had our founding Chairman, Barry Holmes, in attendance tonight to make it a significant event.

We recognized the loss of one of our members, Larry Miller just this past month, but after the prayer, we had a wonderful event. This year was election time for 3 members of the board as per our bylaws, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The members elected to those positions were Mike Bucheit for Vice Chairman, Dana Smith for Secretary, and Mark Madeira for Treasurer. The rest of the board will be appointed by the new Chairman, Brooke Madeira at our January board meeting.

Our current Chairman, Jimmy Patitucci recognized our outgoing Secretary and Treasurer, Jim Wainwright and Norm Neffield, respectively, for their long- term service in those positions. He also recognized two members for their work this past year with service pins: Mike Bucheit for the two excellent road tours and Bill Bryan as judging chair for our three judging events and other technical judging schools, etc. Jimmy noted that all board members worked very hard at keeping the list of events active yearly, for the education and fun of all to enjoy our passion, the Corvettes. It's the cars that bring us together, but it's the friendships that keep us coming back.

Jimmy updated the group about the events planned for 2025 and they show a great variety to keep everybody coming back for more. He also noted we are a Top Flight Chapter for 2024 and have been a Top Flight Chapter since the inception of the program in 2004. Wow that's 20 years.

Jim and Don Geary noted to keep in mind our upcoming Regional event in June 2026. We will start the detailed planning this next year.

Thanks to all who attended and hope to see more member involvement in the new year.

Please enjoy the event photos below and on the following pages.

**Don Geary** 

### Me handing the Chairman's gavel over to Brooke!



### Recognizing Norm (L) for his longtime service as Treasurer!



### 40 Members Attended:











Pat & Barry Holmes/Barry was our chapter's first Chairman and initiated the PTSC back in 1990!



### Presenting Mike Bucheit with his NCRS Service Pin!



Presenting Bill Bryan with his NCRS Service Pin!



**Bridget & Dave Kitch with Toys for Tots Donations!** 



"The PTSC Board would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Safe, Healthy, and Happy New Year!"

See you all in 2025!



2025 PTSC Board Members: (L-R) Bill Bryan, Don Geary, Judy Geary, Dave Kitch, Brooke Madeira, Jim Patitucci, Barry Holmes, Mark Madeira, Bob Stokes, Dana Smith, John Jeffries. (Note: Mike Bucheit not pictured!)

### From the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the RPM throughout 2024 by submitting Technical Articles, My Corvette Stories, and items for the RPM Classifieds section. Because of your continued contributions and support the RPM has been awarded the Golden Quill Award annually since I've been the Editor, back in 2018. So, please keep those articles and stories coming!

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

Currently
\$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

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New Car Manager

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hubbardchevy.com
srotunno@greenwoodchevy.com

NOTE: As of the deadline for this newsletter, I did not receive any Ads for the RPM classifieds Section!

### PTSC Embroidered Items & 2026 Regional Polo w logo!





Items are available for sale please contact:

Bob Stokes at: robert.stokes@verizon.net or by

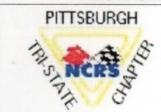
phone: (412)600-7727



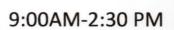


Save the Date: Pittsburgh Tri State Regional/Blair County Convention Center/Altoona, Pa. June 4,5,6 2026 !!!!

# PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER NCRS TECH SEMINAR AND JUDGING SCHOOL



SUNDAY MARCH 9, 2025





Location: John Kuhns' Garage 4728 State Route 982 Latrobe, PA 15650 412-554-3321

### Directions:

- If traveling East or West on Route 30 from Ligonier or Greensburg, merge onto PA--982 North towards Bradenville. 1.3 miles from SR #30.
- If traveling on RT 22, take 981 South into Latrobe and turn left onto Lincoln Ave.
   Turn left onto PA--982 Hillview Ave. Building is on the right.

### Cost: \$15.00/person

Includes Registration, Coffee, Donuts, Lunch Agenda:

9:00	Coffee/Donuts
9:30	C4 Engine configurations thru the years (Madeira)
12:00	Catered Lunch
1:00	Auction of Corvette parts, tools & supplies (Don and Norm)
1:30	Judging School – Matching numbers (Bucheit) (1 Point)
2:30	Adjourn

Mail forms and Check payable to: Pittsburgh Tri--State Chapter NCRS
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