



## The Official Newsletter of the **PITTSBURGH TRI - STATE CHAPTER** National Corvette Restorers Society



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### Chairwoman's Message: Brooke Madeira

As the first day of summer arrives, let's cross our fingers for clear skies and open roads—it's prime Corvette season, after all. Rain or shine, our chapter's stayed busy: a big thank-you to Tom Bell for organizing a fantastic spring road tour, and to everyone who made our Annual Meet at B&D such a success. You'll find plenty of great recaps ahead if you missed the fun.

It was also great to welcome new faces at B&D, not just among owners, but also among judges. That fresh energy matters. A heartfelt thank-you to every owner, judge, and tabulator who made it shine.

Now, eyes forward because we've got an exciting summer ahead and a major milestone on the horizon. First up, our Chapter Picnic is set for August 10th at Indian Lake Park, and it promises to be a day full of great cars, great food, and even better company. Huge thanks to Paul DiSanto and Frank Gavron for making it all come together so effortlessly. If you haven't been in a while, this is the one to catch. If you missed the spring road tour, you'll be happy to know that we're hitting the road again for another adventure this September 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. We're headed to the Lancaster area under the guidance of the dynamic duo, Mike Bucheit and John Kuhn—so we know it will be a good time. And here's the big one: next June, we won't be at B&D... because we're hosting the 2026 Regional in Altoona! Whether you plan to volunteer or just attend, I hope to see you there—it's only a year away, and yes, I'll be saying that a lot.

I may have said "thank you" a lot in this message, but that's because the people, more than the Corvettes, make this chapter what it is. On that note, I want to remember Mr. Tom Barr. He wasn't just the C4 National Team Leader—he was one of our own, a past Chairman and a truly kind man. While I didn't get to know him as well as many of you did, every conversation I had with him was a joy and I had been looking forward to many more. Let's carry forward his legacy by welcoming each other, old and new members, the way he always did—with a warm smile and genuine enthusiasm. Thank you, Tom. *Brooke*



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## **Judging Chairman's Message: Bill Bryan,**

Let me start with our June chapter meet at B&D in Latrobe. Everything went almost perfect, no hiccups. Everyone had a job to do and everyone did it 110%. We judged seven cars and had the full cooperation of all the owners. They were all great. I really do think our judges training that we provide each spring in April at All Collector Autos in Bedford helps the younger judges to understand the process. I truly believe that's why everything went so smoothly at B&D this year. I personally want to thank everyone involved in the event. The owners, judges, tabulators...everyone! Thank you for a job well done. It really wasn't work. It was fun! You'll find the recap of the event with photos and car awards later on in this newsletter.

Next up will be our Hubbard, Ohio meet at Greenwood's Hubbard Chevrolet. This is always another great event. It is also a 2-day event with Saturday night ops judging and staging of cars and a one-point judging school. The school will be conducted by Norm Neffield. It will be on Corvette tires used over the years. It is very informative. One you won't want to miss. Then, on Sunday we will have a full day of judging. The facility is beautiful and they treat us like kings! It is a 5-point event if you participate in both days.

That will finish up the year as far as judging is concerned, although we have many other events that are outlined in this newsletter.

One Note related to our judging events, please always try to sign up for our judging events when they're listed on the NCRS.org website. It will save you \$10 if you register a car and you also make it very easy for the judging chairman to print out the summary sheets and the window display cards. It would be very much appreciated if everyone would sign up for judging events in this manner. However, as always, I will accept any mail-in registrations for cars and judges because I don't want anyone to miss our events.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who judged my '67. It received some tough judging but did very well. That is all for now, have a great summer(if it ever stops raining)!

*"Always remember when preparing for judging always bring a flashlight!"* **Bill**



## PTSC's Annual Mini-Meet and Judging School All Collector Autos in Bedford, Pa. April 27, 2025

*Write-up & photos by: Jimmy Patitucci*



On Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> our chapter held its annual Mini Meet and Judging School at Stahl's All Collector Autos in Bedford. It was a real nice spring Sunday morning and we had about 17 members show up along with a couple guests. Three members drove their Corvettes; Bill Bryan, Don Geary and Dana Smith. First thing in the morning after Vice Chair Mike Bucheit welcomed everyone our Judging Chair Bill Bryan led the judging school. Bill touched on two major areas; the first being engine block casting numbers, where they are located as well as the cylinder case stamp pads and "broach marks". He went over how to correctly take deductions if they are not correct. He had an example of a head in the back of a truck there for all to see up close.

His second area for discussion was how to correctly judge paint. He went over the NCRS Paint Flow Chart with everyone and again, explained how to correctly take deductions if needed. What was really unique for everyone, was the fact that we had a very nicely restored Corvette as well as a real nice unrestored original Corvette to make comparisons with. Sample scoring sheets, NCRS Paint Chart, NCRS Standard Deduction Guidelines and the NCRS CDCIF judging condition information cards were passed out to everyone in attendance.

After the school the group was divided up into four groups. One for each judged area; exterior, interior, chassis and mechanical. Each group was led by an experienced judge. Bill made sure that only two groups were at only one car at a time. This gave everyone an opportunity to observe and ask questions. We had two awesome Corvettes registered to judge. A beautifully restored 1965 Black 396 convertible owned by Dylan Stahl and a really nice original unrestored Yellow 1966 427 coupe owned by Marco Pompeo. Both Corvettes received well deserved Top Flight Awards. *(continued on next page)*



Each year everyone who attends this event seems to really enjoy this process. It seems that everyone learns something new about the judging process whether they are experienced or not. Bill does a really nice job organizing this meet each year for us.

Dylan, his daughter Chloe and sister Morgan provided the lunch and refreshments for everyone as they so graciously do every year. We can't thank them enough for their hospitality.

We'd also like to thank Bill Bryan our judging chairman, Don Geary for bringing the donuts, Mike Bucheit for providing the coffee and to all the members who attended.

Finally, a special PTSC thank you to the car owners for registering their Corvettes. Without the cars we wouldn't be able to have this event, and to Dylan for inviting and opening up his garage for us.

It is our goal as a chapter to make sure that this mini meet is a pleasant learning experience for both the car owners and members who attend. We hope that everyone goes home with a little more knowledge about the NCRS judging process than they had before they came. I think I can safely say that we accomplished our goal today. **JP**

**Dylan's 1965**



**Vice-Chair Mike Bucheit welcoming everyone!**



**Marco's 1966**



**Bill Bryan leading the Judging School**



*More photos from the event on the next page!*





**Bill presenting Dylan his Top Flight Award**



**Bill presenting Marco (left) and his brother Tony with their Top Flight Award**



**Corvettes Driven: L-R Don Geary's C7, Bill Bryan's C8 & Dana Smith's C8**





## PTSC Spring Road Tour to Northern Mercer & Crawford Counties

May 10, 2025

Write-up: Tom Bell, Photos: Jimmy Patitucci



May 10<sup>th</sup> brought great weather and beautiful Corvettes to Northern Mercer County and into Crawford County. All roads headed North of Pittsburgh and East from Ohio to exit 121 off Interstate 79 and Jackson Center, PA. We had about 28 folks attend between the **Shenango Valley Corvette Club** and the **PTSC NCRS**. (Note: PTSC member Art Colussy was also on the tour, but not pictured above.) Our group was met by organizer Tom Bell and we headed to our first stop Belt Built LLC where we visited a dealership from the 1940's. Now owned by Tom and Shawn Bell, it was IBB's Packard, later, IBBs Oldsmobile which shut its' doors in 1982. We viewed some personal collector cars including a 1969 Plymouth Hemi GTX, a 1970 Z-28, Camaros, Mustang, and back to a 1947 Lincoln. We picked up more cars and headed out to our second stop at Bair's Corvettes in Linesville, PA. On the way we had a beautiful country ride past Goddard State Park and Lake Wilhelm. The caravan then continued North to Conneaut Lake and included the now defunct amusement park. The lake is still very beautiful and enjoyed by many.

Many members had memories of the park but, unfortunately little remains. Continuing to Linesville, we arrived at Bair's Corvettes to be guided by Brian and Mary Beth Blair for a tour and light lunch. After which, we then drove to MFG Fiberglass Manufacturing who manufactured parts for Corvettes for years. Other sites now-a-days do much of the manufacturing, but the process was explained and the tour was very insightful of the process. Our next stop was a trip to Cherry Valley Amish Store for some shopping. The ride across the causeway crossing Pymatuning Lake was enjoyable. After shopping and visiting, we headed to our last stop for a great dinner at Byler's Restaurant in Jamestown, PA. (As a side note, we drove by Pymatuning State Park where our own Mike Bucheit was park Superintendent in his younger days. Lots of fond memories for Mike.) After a delicious dinner at Bylers, the group headed South to Greenville and back to I-79 South. The weather and comradery of the group made for a great day to drive our cars. ***"We joined for the cars, but stayed for the people", could not have been truer on this day. TB***



## Tom's Garage



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***More photos from the road tour! First stop- Tom Bell's Garage/ Some of his Car Collection!***



***Tom welcoming everyone to his garage.***







**Vice Chairman Mike Bucheit presenting Tom with our PTSC Appreciation Plaque**



**Bair's Corvettes in Linesville, Pa. (Second Stop)!**

**Brian Bair (center) welcoming us!**



**Let's see! Do I need anything?**



**Brian giving a little historical overview of their business!**



**Taking a lunch break at Bair's!**







*Some of the parts at Bair's*



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*Third Stop on the tour!*



*John Durvey (center white cap) prepares us for his tour of the MFG plant.*



*Brian talking about the 73-82 front valance part (red arrow) still manufactured at MFG.*



*The mold for the front valance note: (Corvette-Bairs on front!)*



*"We join the NCRS for the Corvettes but we stay for the people!"*



*Our next stop was at the Cherry Valley Amish Furniture & Bulk Food Store in Andover, Ohio. A great place for the women to do some shopping.*



*Final stop! Jamestown, Pa.*



*Mike (standing) thanking Tom (head of the table) for putting together a great PTSC road tour!*



Membership News: Judy Geary PTSC membership chairwoman.

As of our June 12, 2025 board meeting, we have 123 members.

***Please welcome our newest members!***

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***Don't Forget:***

Chapter dues are \$20.00 and renewed each June 1<sup>st</sup>. Make checks payable to: Pittsburgh Tri State Chapter, NCRS. Mail to: Judy Geary 117 Caldwell Drive, Jeanette, Pa. 154644. Dues can also be paid using PayPal. See our website for the link. [www.ncrspitt.com](http://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.

**Mark your calendars!**

***Our chapter will be hosting the PTSC Regional at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona in 2026. The dates: June 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.***

***Volunteers will certainly be needed to make it a success once again. More info/updates to follow. Don Geary, Regional Chairman***



**Photos & Write- up: Jimmy Patitucci**



*Write up and photos on the following pages! Enjoy!*





**PTSC Annual Judged Meet at B&D Creekside Activity Center, Latrobe, Pa.**

**June 6-7, 2025**

**By: Jimmy Patitucci, RPM editor**

**On Friday and Saturday June 6-7<sup>th</sup> our chapter hosted its annual 2-day judged meet event at B&D Creekside Activity Center in Latrobe. Everyone who has attended this event in the past knows how nice the facility is for judging Corvettes.**

**All but one of the cars registered for flight judging was able to have their ops done before the rain started on Friday.**

**After we finished operations judging on Friday we held a judging school. Norm Neffield was the presenter. His topic of discussion for the power point presentation was “Tires according to NCRS”. He gave a very detailed talk on all the tires, sizes and manufacturers of the tires used on Corvettes starting with the C1 generation and ending with the current generation. We had about 24 members present for the school.**

**Flight judging began on Saturday at 9:00 after our Chairwoman Brooke welcomed everyone and judging chair Bill Bryan held his judges/owners meeting.**

**We had 25 judges signed up to judge on the 7<sup>th</sup>. We had 17 judges signed up on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 24 signed up for the judging school on Friday.**

**We had a great lunch served at “Dexterz” restaurant which is on sight located in the activity center. The menu was spaghetti and meatballs, rolls, tossed salad, drinks and cupcakes for dessert.**

**Member, John Kuhns came thru once again as he so often does by securing 7 sponsors at \$100.00 each. This certainly helps defray the cost of the facility rental each year.**

**Thank you!**

**Bill Bryan- Judging Chairman for organizing the meet.**

**Don Geary – Lunch arrangements**

**Norm Neffield – Judging School**

**Mark & Brooke Madeira – Coffee, Donuts & water**

**John Kuhns – Sponsors;**

***Pynos Insurance Agency Latrobe, Lesco Federal Credit Union Latrobe, Frederick Funeral Homes Inc. Latrobe, Yogi Bair's Corvettes Inc. Linesville, Commercial Bank & Trust of Pa., Mirrock Corvette Saltsburg, Pa., Mini Warehouse Space Latrobe, New Berry & Delmont.***

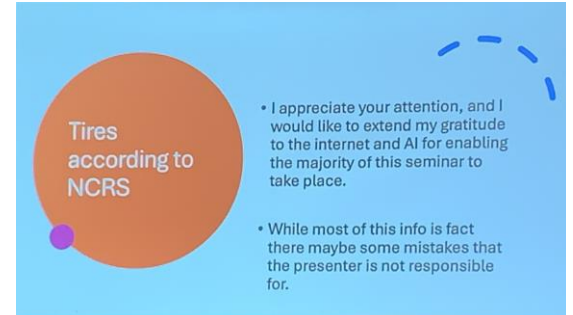
**Bob Stokes – PTSC Apparel**

**Tabulators: Judy Geary, Stefani Smith, Linda Neffield**

**Special Thanks: To all the Corvette owners for bringing their cars to be judged, and to all the judges. Especially those NCRS members who traveled to judge with us. They were: Wayne Mackie from Boston, Marvin Burock from New Jersey, Gus Tsamouras Mason Dixon Chapter Judging Chairman, and Joe Santiso NE Chapter Chairman and his son Jonathan.**



**Norm (center red shirt) leading the judging school Friday evening!**



**Brooke welcoming everyone on Saturday morning!**



**Bill holding the judges and owners meeting before judging begins!**





## **The Corvettes:**

**Mike Bucheit's 1966 (Top Flight)**



**Bill Bryan's 1967 (Top Flight)**



**Alan Hawkes' 1966 (Top Flight)**



**Duane Gomish's 1962 (Top Flight)**



**Bob Thompson's 1998 (Top Flight)**



**Mark & Brooke's 1995 (Second Flight)**





**Bill Brandenstein's 1970 (Third Flight)**



**Brooke & Don presenting Darlene with the PTSC Appreciation Plaque!**



**Tabulators: (L-R) Linda Neffield, Stefanie Smith & Judy Geary**



**Treasurer Mark Madeira at the registration table.**



### **Official Results as submitted by judging chairman Bill Bryan!**

1962 Duane Gomish - Top Flight

1966 Michael Bucheit -Top Flight

1966 Alan Hawkes- Top Flight

1967 William Bryan- Top Flight

1970 William Brandenstein- Third Flight

1995 Brooke Madeira – Second Flight

1998 Robert Thompson- Top Flight



**Flight Awards: (L-R) Bill Bryan, Duane Gomish, Brooke Madeira, Alan Hawkes, Bob Thompson, Mike Bucheit, and Bill Brandenstein**



### Sponsors:



*These are the folks that helped sponsor our event this year! The PTSC thanks them very much for their support!*



"In picture number 1 at the right, you'll see level body panels and straight door gaps approximately 1/8 to 3/16 in. That is what we shoot for. In order to achieve that there's a lot of work that goes into it. Such as reconditioning the hinges, taking the door weather stripping off inside the door, then installing the new weather stripping just for alignment. Then the rebuilt hinges are installed to the door with shimming. This is followed up by installing the door to the rebuilt hinges. Next, we start leveling the door to the body, cutting the gaps and making gaps out of fiberglass on the body. After all this we put dead weight inside the door to compensate for the missing hardware and windows. We could write a whole chapter on just the doors.

What I wanted to share with you today is, after all that is done, you must remove the doors again for final painting and final jamb painting. Guess what? You would lose most of your alignment at that point. What we do is drill 1/8" alignment holes in the hinges inside the door. (They cannot be seen after the door panel is installed). That way when reinstalling doors after paint you use the alignment holes by inserting a 1/8" pin through the holes and the alignment is "really close". Please take a look at pictures 2 and 3 for clarity. (Note: the red arrows).

***ALWAYS remember, ALL panels should be aligned BEFORE PAINT!***

Hope this little tech tip proves to be very helpful.

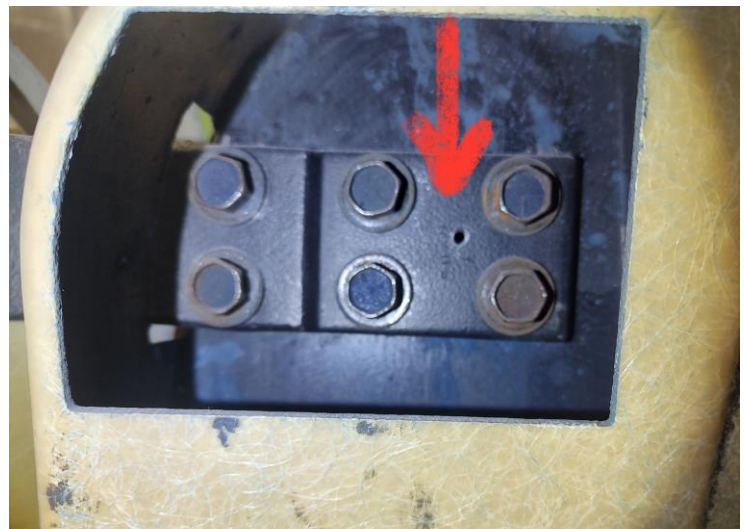
If these small steps are followed it will save the restorer a lot of time and money in the long run!"

Bill Bryan, PTSC Judging Chairman

**Photo #1**



**Photo #2**



**Photo #3**





## REMAINING 2025 PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER EVENTS SCHEDULE



**August 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Annual PTSC  
Picnic/General Membership Meeting**

**Indian Lake Park, North Huntingdon, Pa.**

**Coordinators: Paul DiSanto/Frank Gavron**

**\*September 19, 20 & 21st (Fri./Sat./Sun.) Fall  
Road Trip (\*3 day) to Lancaster, Pa.**

**Coordinators: Mike Bucheit/John Kuhns**

**October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday & Saturday)  
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.**

**Registration Forms & Flyers for Upcoming Events  
can be found on our website and in the Newsletters.**

***\*Still in the planning stages/updates to follow.***

## **NCRS Regionals & National Events 2025**

July 16-19	Show Me Regional, Springfield, MO.
<b>Sept. 7-11</b>	<b>National Conv. Las Vegas, Nevada</b>
Oct. 23-25	Texas Regional Frisco, Texas

## **2026**

Jan. 14-17	Winter Regional	Melbourne, Fla.
April 16-18	K.C./St. Louis Regional	Springfield, MO
<b>*June 4-6</b>	<b>PTSC Regional</b>	<b>Altoona, Pa.</b>
<b>July 26-30</b>	<b>National Conv.</b>	<b>Charleston, SC</b>
Oct. 22-24	Texas Regional	Frisco, Texas



As of the May, June Driveline.



***Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!***





## RPM Technically Speaking II:



### What does the term “Matching Numbers” mean?

By: Bryan W. Shook, Esquire

*Submitted for inclusion here by: PTSC Vice Chairman, Michael Bucheit*

#### Background:

On Sunday March 9, 2025 at our annual spring Technical Seminar at John Kuhn’s Garage in Latrobe Vice Chairman, Mike Bucheit led a Tech Seminar on “Matching Numbers” and what does the term actually mean legally. . He used the article on the right by lawyer Bryan W. Shook as a basis for his presentation, and felt that it would be relevant to include here as an informative piece of technical info.

#### History:

“In 1960, Chevrolet began stamping a derivative of the chassis code on the engine intended for each car, birthing the term “numbers-matching”. *Cameron Neveu*

“Numbers matching” might be the broadest umbrella term in the collector car industry. At its core, the term is intended to convey the idea that the major elements of a car—chassis, body, engine, and drivetrain—are the ones that were on the car when it left the factory. In truth, though, “numbers matching” means very different things across different manufacturers and time periods. This has opened the door to a looser application of the phrase, and more than one instance where an ambitious seller’s definition may not be the same as a hopeful buyer. *Rick Carey 2023 Hagerty Insider, Market Trends.*

*“The phrase “Numbers Matching” was coined an untold number of years ago to describe a vehicle, which retained its original driveline (i.e. the driveline that was installed into the vehicle during its initial assembly at its manufacturer’s plant). Specifically, and most important in this definition is the engine: as this is the most important aspect of a vehicle’s originality. There are some in the hobby, however, that would have you believe that the phrase “numbers matching” has parted ways with its original and understood definition. Any misleading use of the phrase “numbers matching” blackens the eye of the hobby. The only reason one would use such a deceitful definition of “numbers matching” would be a calculated attempt to mask the true nature of the vehicle for self-serving purposes. These individuals would have you believe that the phrase “numbers matching” means that the driveline, has numbers appearing on its components that look as though they could have been placed on there during the initial assembly process on the manufacturer’s line. This is where the issue with re-stamped engines and transmissions becomes ever apparent. This disingenuous play on words is polluting our hobby. Numbers matching means ORIGINAL. The phrase and the meaning of “numbers matching” has never parted company. “Numbers matching” still means, as it always has, that the engine, transmission and rear differential are ORIGINAL to that particular vehicle. For the phrase to have any other meaning would render it flawed and unnecessary. The use of the phrase “NUMBERS MATCHING” in a disingenuous fashion opens the seller to a high level of legal exposure. The buyer who learns after he purchased the vehicle that the vehicle is not “as advertised” (It is a restamped engine), has the right to revoke his acceptance of the vehicle and enjoys many protections that come along with legal revocation.” Bryan W. Shook, Esquire*



## *Remembering Long-time PTSC Member and NCRS C4 Team Leader Tom Barr*

*By: Don Geary & Norm Neffield*

*Sadly, Tom passed away peacefully on the morning of June 9, 2025*

**Tom at our PTSC Spring Technical School, Latrobe. 2022**



I first met Tom and Linda Barr at one of our club functions. We were on a road tour in the hills of western PA. Tom was following my wife and I in a 68 or 9 and just disappeared. I turned around to see where he went. Tom and Linda were new to the club and needed help. He had a flat! I offered him the spare from my 64 because he didn't have one. Well, we soon realized it wouldn't fit due to disk brake interference. He called AAA and said they would wait.

Tom showed up at one of our board meetings and immediately became involved. In a few years he was the Chairman. My wife and I became good friends with the Barrs. Next thing you know they invited us to come to Arizona with them and spend a long weekend at their condo. We had a great time visiting, eating and of course drinking. We went to their condo several times and I even got to enjoy it with some friends and my niece from Phoenix on a couple of golf trips.

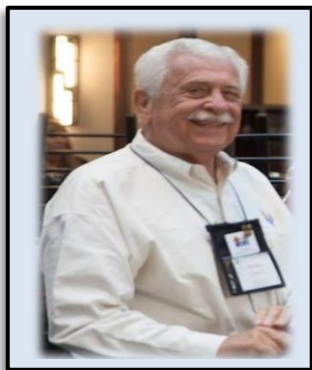
One time when I was there with my wife Linda, Linda Barr suggested we go to Tombstone to see what the west really looked like. They had other things to do that day, so we went on our own. Before we left Tucson, Linda Barr said don't miss the courthouse, as that's where we got married.

Another time they took us to the Ski lodge on top Mt. Lemmon. We left the desert floor with the temperature at 98 degrees, and at 9000 ft. it was 55. Tom belonged to the Oro Valley Country club, and we played golf there including dinner. Then they moved! Built a house with a casita for guests and yes, we were invited back again. The pool was wonderful.

They were great friends and always called for dinner when they came back to town. They became landlords in Tucson as they owned many properties. They finally sold the house and bought a Gentleman's ranch so they would have no neighbors. Well last we talked to them a housing development was being built.

I truly got to know Tom as more than a judge and team leader. He was a friend.

Norm Neffield



The Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter and Tom Barr:

Tom joined our chapter in 1997 and he quickly volunteered for leadership positions and he was good at it. Tom had the natural ability to make friends easily and we followed his big personality happily. Tom was our chapter chairman for six years from 1999 thru 2004 and I was treasurer for that same 6 years and got to know him thru our interactions of that time period.

Tom's leadership got us into new dealer locations for our monthly meetings and judging meets. One of our sponsors had a big grill behind the dealership and they grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for us as we judged cars in their showroom, what fun.

Tom was always such a positive guy and we enjoyed him and his wife Linda on our road trips and at judging meets. Tom was even positive when he had a flat tire in the mountains of southwestern PA on one of our trips and had to have the car towed because he didn't have a spare. We all just laughed.

Tom maintained his PTSC membership even though he and Linda went on to bigger and better things in AZ and with the National NCRS. I would call him multiple times when I needed advice while I was Chairman and he was always happy to share his knowledge of the 'political' landscape. Overall, Tom was a member of PTSC for 27 years and we in the chapter are better for it. Thanks Tom you will be missed.

Submitted by Don Geary



## Corvette News!

GM unveils quickest  
Corvette ever with  
ZR1X 'hypercar' going  
0-60 mph in less than  
two seconds

Story by Michael Wayland, CNBC



DETROIT — [General Motors](#) is once again expanding its Corvette lineup with a new high-performance, hybrid variant of the quintessential American sports car.

The Detroit automaker on Tuesday revealed the 2026 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1X “hypercar” — a souped-up version of the [Corvette E-Ray hybrid](#) that went on sale in 2023. It features similar performance outputs to the automaker’s [current Corvette ZR1](#), including a twin-turbo V-8 engine, but has faster acceleration thanks to “electrification” technologies. It is the most advanced Corvette we’ve ever produced. America’s true hypercar has arrived,” said Megan Dalley, Corvette marketing manager, during a media event. “We are putting the world on notice with this car, showing what Corvette and America’s true supercar is capable of.”

A “hypercar” is considered a step above a “supercar,” based on performance aspects of a vehicle such as speed, acceleration and 0-60 mph times. They’re both above a traditional “sports car.”

The Corvette ZR1X’s top speed is 233 mph, with a 0-60 mph time of under two seconds, according to GM. The vehicle’s LT7 twin-turbo V-8 engine that’s shared with both ZR1 models is rated at 1,064 horsepower and 828 foot-pounds of torque, the company said. Adding to the performance of the ZR1X is an electric axle that makes the vehicle all-wheel drive and gives it an additional 186 horsepower and 145 foot-pounds of torque, GM said.

“It brings performance, electrification and all-wheel drive to further enhance the unthinkable ZR1,” said Josh Holder, Corvette chief engineer. “It brings learnings from the ZR1 and the E-Ray, and combines them to create an unbelievable driving experience.”

The ZR1X brings Corvette’s lineup to five different models — making it the broadest since the vehicle was introduced in 1953. It’s part of the automaker’s plans for a highly [profitable “Corvette family”](#) that ranges from the “everyman’s sports car” Corvette Stingray, which starts around \$70,000, to the ZR1 that can top \$200,000.

“Corvette is a very profitable vehicle for the company, and we continue to be the pinnacle of performance,” Dalley said. GM previously said an [all-electric Corvette would be coming](#), but it’s unclear if the status of those plans has changed amid slower-than-expected adoption of [EVs](#). A Corvette SUV also has been [under consideration](#) for several years. GM said pricing for the Corvette ZR1X will be announced closer to when the vehicle arrives in dealerships later this year. It will be available as a convertible or coupe. The coupe includes a rear split window as an homage to the well-known 1963 Corvette.

All Corvettes are produced at a GM assembly plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

2026 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1XGM2026 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1XGM

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## *Major Upcoming Summer Events in our PTSC area:*



### *Corvettes at Carlisle 2025*

*August 21-23, 2025*



### *2025 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Update*

Registration for all events is open.

Lotus is Marque of the Year, Mazda Miata is the Spotlight Car, and a Panoz Reunion will be at Pitt Race.

Vintage Indy Returns to Schenley.

New Racing Circuits in Schenley.

GT40 Sweepstakes Car

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed

**International Recognition** - The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is the nation's largest vintage street race, with 10 days of racing, car shows, parties, parades and motorsport events. We were a finalist in the International Historic Motoring Awards for Motorsport Event of 2024. The other honored nominees represent the best in our industry: Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Velocity Invitational, Goodwood Revival and Silverstone Festival. In 2025, we celebrate our 43rd annual event. We aim to produce a world-class vintage automotive event raising funds for autistic and intellectually/developmentally disabled individuals in the Pittsburgh region. Through the generous support of our volunteers, attendees and sponsors, we have donated over \$7 million since 1983.

#### **Additional Details.**

This year's 10-day Motorsports Festival includes the Historics at Pitt Race (July 11-13), and the Schenley Park Vintage Race Weekend (July 19-20). Register in advance for these weekends for a discounted admission price.

Pitt Race - Admission is \$25 per day online and \$30 at the gate; kids under 12 are free.

Schenley - Cost: \$50 donation per car (Increases to \$60 on July 1). Includes weekend parking on the golf course. Complimentary PVGP Race Program and decal. Wristband for driver and one passenger, good for the weekend. On-line registration closes at midnight July 17 and you must pay at the gate after that. Registration for these weekends, as well as all other PVGP events, can be made at: <https://pvgp.org/calendar/>

*Jim Kinest ,Corvette / Chevrolet Coordinator*

*Corvettes at Carlisle for 2025, this first-born, a 1953 C1 (Engineering Car #3950), has been confirmed for the show (August 21-23).*

For decades, automotive historians believed the first two production 1953 Corvettes had been destroyed shortly after their manufacture, a narrative long accepted as fact. However, following a dedicated 20-year search by Corvette enthusiasts Corey Peterson and John Amgwert, this long-standing myth has been definitively shattered.

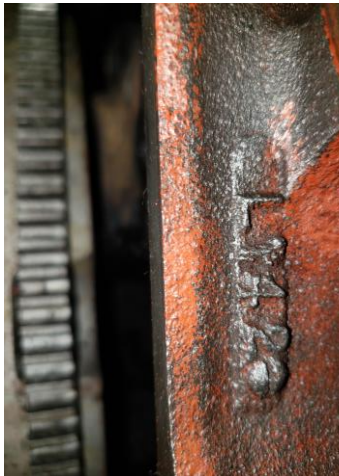
Peterson and Amgwert began their investigation after identifying inconsistencies in the official historical record. Convinced that these early Corvettes may still exist, their research spanned over two decades and multiple states. In 2023, their perseverance

culminated in a landmark discovery: a vehicle stored in an Oklahoma restoration shop, initially suspected to be the second Corvette ever built. Subsequent meticulous research and documentation confirmed something even more extraordinary — the car in question was not the second, but in fact the very first production 1953 Corvette ever assembled. Throughout Corvettes at Carlisle weekend, attendees will have the rare opportunity to view the car up close. Peterson and Amgwert will be on hand to answer any questions.



## *RPM Classifieds:*

**For Sale: Original 1963 Corvette 327/300. Car sold new in Beaver. Have NCRS shipping data report. Carb to pan. \$5000**



**1966/1967 used grille \$350**



**1963/1964 grille with surround \$450**



**If interested in any of these items please contact:**

**Ken Jelley**  
**330-219-2711**  
[jelleysspp@aol.com](mailto:jelleysspp@aol.com)

### **Remember:**

*All PTSC members can place an ad in the RPM Classifieds for FREE.*

*Just send me your info when I request items for the newsletters each quarter. This was the only ad submitted this quarter! JP*



*From the Editor:*

*I'd like to thank all those who contributed to this newsletter in the form of tech articles, classified ads, photos and event write-ups! I couldn't do this without all of your help and cooperation.*

*Remember this is your newsletter too!*

*Jim Patitucci, RPM Editor*



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**The PTSC Board would like to wish all our members and their families a  
very happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July**



# **Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter NCRS Picnic Sunday August 10, 2025**

**@ Indian Lake Park, North Huntingdon, PA**



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

**Directions:** Indian Lake Park, North Huntingdon, Pa

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

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

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

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

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


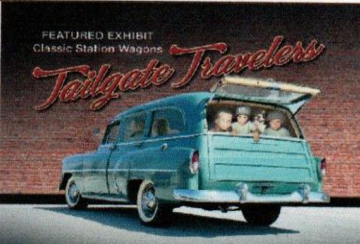
Send payment and form by **August 3, 2025** to:  
Paul DiSanto 205 Paulette Dr. Elizabeth, PA 15037

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

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



## PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER NCRS FALL ROAD TOUR

	<p style="text-align: center;">Fri/Sat/Sun Sept 19-21, 2025 9:00am-3:00pm</p>	
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**Location: LANCASTER AREA PA**

From Latrobe, PA, we will be traveling east on Rt 30. We will stop along the way for breaks.

### **AGENDA: FRI 9/19**

8:00      Leave from McDonald's on RT 30 Latrobe.  
 AACA Museum in Hershey PA  
 Barry's Car Museum in Intercourse PA  
 Kitchen Kettle Village Shops  
 Dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord restaurant  
 Hotel: Amish View or Inn at Leola

### **AGENDA: SAT 9/20**

9:00      Breakfast at TBA  
 Auto Mall in Morgantown PA.  
 Dinner and hotel in Gettysburg PA

### **AGENDA: SUN 9/21**

9:00      Breakfast at TBA  
 Antique Store tour  
 Drive Home

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





## PITTSBURGH TRI-STATE CHAPTER MEET

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

**Sat Oct 18 & Sun Oct 19, 2025 – 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 18, 2025

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

### SUNDAY OCT 19, 2025

**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...www.NCRS.org.....\$75 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Concours Judging Car Entry.....Trailer Parking free ..... \$50 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Late Fee for Judged Car Entries (if Postmarked after Saturday, 10/14/2025) ..... \$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, 2025 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:** Brooke Madeira Phone: 724-875-4903 or [brooke@mirrockcorvette.com](mailto:brooke@mirrockcorvette.com)

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

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



<b>Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter Membership Application</b> <b>Please Print</b>			
Name:		Spouse's Name:	
Street Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Email Address:			
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.			
<b>Make checks payable to:</b> Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter, NCRS Mail to: Judy Geary 117 Caldwell Dr Jeannette, PA 15644			
Signature:		Date:	
Direct any questions to Judy Geary at 724-834-5586 or email at gearyjt@comcast.net			