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**BUSINESS MEETINGS &  
TECH SESSIONS**

See Calendar of Events

## A Full Summer of Corvette Enjoyment!

**Chairman's Column**

By: Ed Di Napoli

The 2016 National Convention in Warwick Rhode Island is only a week away. With its close proximity to NJ I would think many of CNJ Members will be attending. I would like to keep track of CNJ Members that receive awards at the Convention, so if you or your car receives an NCRS Award, Please let me know by e-mail (ed72vette@aol.com). I will be doing the Road Tour and a Re Founders, so if you are attending make sure you come up and say hello. Due to the National, we will NOT be having a Chapter July Meeting.

We are working on our Chapter Meet and Picnic, hosted by Jim and Dottie Loughlin, on Saturday August 13. The Picnic will be open to all Chapter Members in good standing (Chapter dues paid for 2016), all Judges and Flight and Sportsman participants. If you are a member and would like to attend please contact Joe Bardon , [jbar-don@hotmail.com](mailto:jbar-don@hotmail.com). If you would like to Judge, OJ or enter your car in Sportsman, fill out a registration form and send it to Ralph Greer, or contact him if you have any questions, [bassinman@comcast.net](mailto:bassinman@comcast.net). We will be Judging 5 cars this year, for which the field has been filled, and registration is closed for Flight Judging. This will be our August event, so there will be no other meeting in August. The next meeting at the Elks will be September 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM.

I would like to thank Ed Lepelis for his excellent presentation (as usual) on paint restoration and preservation. This well attended event, explained how to bring old lacquer paint back to its original shine.

Howard Welch organized a C2 Team to do a preliminary Judging Review on Chapter Member, Joe Simion's 67 Corvette. Joe's Corvette did very well and was thankful to Howard and his team for the comprehensive evaluation.

Joe Bardon will be running a trip to the Simione Museum in Oct. The Museum will be celebrating Corvette Month, which will include running an original 63 Corvette Grand Sport on the museum grounds. This should be an event that you won't want to miss.

Hope everyone has a great summer and hope to see you at our events

Ed

### Meet the Members

By: Guy Vandervliet

Al Raven

Meet Al Raven sounds a bit silly. Al is one of the founding members of CNJ NCRS, but, in fact, it is likely that many of our members who have joined in recent years don't know how it started. About 21 years ago, a group of Corvette enthusiasts largely coming from Corvette Express, a Monmouth County club put together the foundation of our club, a part of the larger international group.

Al was born and raised and still lives with his family in the area of Monmouth County near Matawan and Morganville.

Al got the "bug" early on when he was in high school and saw some early Vettes, particularly the '53, '58, and '62 vintage cars and then a '63 split window at a dealership in Matawan and he was hooked! Then a friend of Al's had a '57 Chevy convertible that was a fuel injected, 3-speed that Al was trusted to drive often. Al was committed to high performance and the fuel injection system of the era that involved various complications. Al is clearly an expert in restoring, operating, and maintaining cars with this system.

A visit to Al's home will demonstrate his expertise and involvement in restoration and rebuilding, his love for these cars, and the support and indulgence of his wife of 49 years, Janet. Al's home has a lift in the garage and an opening broken into his basement from the backyard that allow him to bring cars and engines and restoration equipment right into his basement workshop, clearly unique.

A partial list of Al's toys is as follows:

Corvettes -	'56 under restoration
	'57 fuelie
	'58 fuelie (in restoration)
	'60 in pieces
	'62 fuelie
	'63 split window
	'69 L-88 drag car
	'71 needs restoration
	'73 about to be sold
	'75 it needs paint and interior

Al does most of the work himself with complete engine building, body work and fuel injection systems, and does it well—his cars when done are beautiful and correct.

Al was in the Army at Fort Dix, and then in the Reserves. He worked for most of his life for Randall Mfg. Co. trade name "Ramco" in Hillside, until he retired in March of 2015. He was a skilled designer, engineer, and manufacturer of industrial cleaning machinery and military ground support equipment, to the point that Al holds numerous patents on these specialized devices. By the time that Al retired, he had worked through the ranks and was the VP and Chief Engineer.

Al was also interested in and worked with marine systems and was also a tow-truck driver on the Garden State Parkway, likely towing over 10,000 cars over a 20 year period.

Al has been part of Corvette Express since the early '90's and NCRS from the start of our Chapter. He is a judge and

active member.

Al and Janet have 2 sons, Brian who is 43 works for a tree service that specializes in organic ground maintenance and also handles ground maintenance at an apartment complex Michael who is 48 farms and is a union carpenter.

In "retirement", Al is a farmer. His son Michael owns a farm in Jobstown which keeps Al very busy planting, fixing, irrigating and so on. As you can tell, Al cannot sit still for long!

Take time to meet and talk to Al; he is a great guy who is very helpful and a resource of experience and expertise.



Al Raven with his '63 Coupe



Central New Jersey Members Assist Mason-Dixon Chapter in April



**NAME THIS IMPORTANT CORVETTE DEALERSHIP TOOL**

By: Pat Fullam

This tool was to have a direct impact on the judging of Corvettes. It was maintained at the Chevrolet Dealership. If you can correctly guess the answer your reward will be waiting for you in Corvette Heaven. I have given you too many hints already!



Good Luck

Answer: See bottom of Page 10

Central New Jersey NCS Calendar of Events Through October

July 2016

No events scheduled due to the National Meet.

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August 2016

CNJ Chapter Picnic / Chapter Meet

When: August 13, 2016

Where: 462 Cherry Lane

Mendham, NJ

Schedule of events

7:30 am Registration, Flight Judge Operations

8:30 am Judges & Owners meeting

9:00 am Flight Judging Begins

Chapter picnic follows flight judging

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September 2016

CNJ Technical Meeting

Topic: TBD

When: September 19, 2016 at 8:00 PM

Where: TBD

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October 2016

CNJ Business Meeting

When: October 17, 2016 at 8:00 PM

Where: Hightstown Elks

110 Hickory Corner Road

Hightstown, NJ 08520

Chapter visit to The Simone Museum

When: October 22, 2016

Where: 6825-31 Norwitch Dr

Philadelphia, PA 19153

The museum will hold Corvette Day with special events.



Business Meeting Minutes	May 16, 2016
Ed DiNapoli	Chairman (in attendance)
Joe Bardon	Vice-Chairman (in attendance)
Richard Vaughan	Treasurer (in attendance)
Pat Addonizio	Secretary (in attendance)
Vito Cimilluca	Judging Chairman (in attendance)

The business meeting scheduled for May 16, 2016 held at the Hightstown Elks Club was called to order at 8:13 pm. The number in attendance was 17.

The agenda was to address the following:

- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Vice Chairman's Report
  - 2016 Schedule of events
  - Barret Jackson June 23-25 and F40
  - Local Corvette show and chapter
- Judging Chairman's Report
  - Ed Lepelis's paint school
  - Guest speaker Dave Bringham
  - New judging manuals
- Chapter's new business
  - 2016 chapter meet
  - NCRS National update
  - 2017 Chairman replacement

The meeting opened with Ed thanking those in attendance for coming.

The secretary was called upon to read the minutes from the January meeting. They were accepted as read. Richard gave the treasure's report. The figures being reported reflect the period April 14<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup>. The operating account began with a balance of \$2,735.29 and ended with \$2,172.55. The loss of \$562.74 was a result of paying the accounting firm for preparing our federal tax return, refreshments at our judging school, award ribbons, name badges and the hall rental fee at the Elks Lodge. Our business market rate savings went from \$19,003.33 to \$19,003.80. The increase reflects 47 cents received from interest. Both accounts gave us a grand total of \$21,176.35. The treasures report was accepted as read.

Joe was called upon to give the vice-chairman's report. He discussed the chapter's events for 2016. The holiday brunch is confirmed at KC Prime Steakhouse for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. Joe will send an email with the details of a road tour to the Simeone Museum. The event will take place on October 22<sup>nd</sup> which will be Corvette Day for the museum. A road tour to the Barrett Jackson auction in Connecticut will be looked at again for next year. The original thought was to combine the trip to the auction with a visit to F40 Motorsports. F40 Motorsports has cancelled their Saturday morning activities. This combined with the conflict of the Bloomington Gold event made it difficult to coordinate. The chapter needs to attend a non NCRS event for the year. The Beach Bums' car show, which the chapter has previously attended, is scheduled on the same day as one of our technical sessions. Joe is looking at the Sprints of 53 show which is held in September. Ed will reach out to the organization for the details of the event. One of our members, Bill mentioned the Flemington car show in August. He will gather the details of the event for Joe. Another event being looked at is a casual meet for breakfast. This would be kept simple with no commitment and no sign in sheet. Just an easy get together to talk about cars. Carl discussed a previously mentioned idea of a trip to a winery. Carl has access to the people that own a local winery just south of route 78 at exit 15. Carl is willing to spearhead the event. This may be a good event to attend in the fall.

Vito gave the judging chairman's report. He thanked Ed Lepelis for conducting a paint seminar at his home. Vito is still planning to have Dave Bringham as a guest speaker for a casual discussion on NCRS judging. The NCRS has two new judging manuals for the 65 and 67. Vito has not seen the new manuals for the C5 but will reach out to Dave to check on the status. As soon as we receive the manuals, Vito will put the team together. Vito would like to schedule a prejudging event in September and asked the members for a volunteer. Vito also asked the members for suggestions on tech sessions they would like to see conducted this year. He asked the members to keep Dick Whittington and Dave McLellan in their thoughts. Dick is recovering from a serious procedure and Dave recently lost his wife. He reminded the members of Howard's 67 judging school event being held on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Howard has sent out an email with the details for the event.

Ed discussed our chapter meet. Since Princeton Chevrolet cannot support us this year, the chapter meet has been combined with our picnic in August. The events are being held at the same time, therefore, we will limit the number of cars being judged. The registration form for the meet has been published in the Driveline magazine. John Kane gave an update on the National's situation in Cincinnati. The assets of the NCRS have been moved to a storage facility so an inventory of the items can be done. Ed closed the meeting reminding the members that he will not be running for the position of chairman in November. He has agreed to stay on as acting chairman. This is not an ideal situation for the chapter and the chapter will need someone to take on the full responsibility of the position.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Addonizio #54404



Identifying Mid Year Gas Caps

By: John Datz with Andy Cannizzo



There were four variations of gas caps used on mid year Corvettes. Pictured are the 63 to 67 from left to right. All four variations were zinc plated with a brown gasket. All four Gas Caps were manufactured by Stant Manufacturing Co. There is a "SM" logo stamped on the backside of these gas caps

1.) Version #1(Part #3820865)- (Photo #1) - This is the rarest of them all. It has an external check valve and was used on 1963 "Z06" Corvettes only.



#1

2.) Version #2(Part #3830983)- (Photo #2) - This version was used on all 1963 Corvettes up to VIN#18,500). It has a pin hole in the middle and no check valve internal or external.

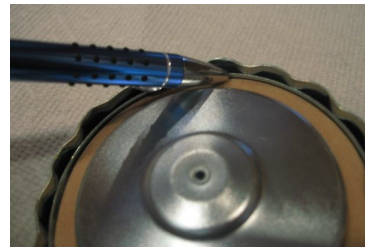


#2

3.) Version #3(Part# 3843576) - (Photos #3 & 3A). This version was used on late 1963 Corvettes and all 1964 and 1965 Corvettes. It has an internal check valve with a narrow outer lip on the bottom plate.



#3



#3A

4.) Version #4(Part #3952708) - (Photos 4 & 4A). This version was used on 1966 and 1967 Corvettes. It has an internal check valve with a wider outer lip on the bottom plate and has a shorter internal tension spring.



#4



#4A





## NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S COLUMN

By: Bob Zimmerman

As always, member article submissions of both technical or Corvette interest are always welcomed.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

By: Rich Vaughan



For 2016 we have 60 active paid members to date, down 8 from last year. Those of you that have not paid, please remit as soon as possible. Dues are still \$30.00 for the year.

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## JUDGING CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By: Vito Cimilluca



The eighth addition of the Judge Reference Manual (JRM) has most information needed such as standard deductions for simple things like replacement tires or a replacement battery. The JRM is extremely informative about how you can advance with your vehicle within the NCRS judging system, getting ready for a Regional Meet or a Performance Verification also known as a PV. Then onto our National Convention and the prerequisites for those awards such as Star, Bowtie, and the Mark of Excellence.

Three items every owner should have with them would be an NCRS decal affixed to the one of the windows of the vehicle, battery cut off and a small fire extinguisher that would handle a small vehicle fire. These three items will help you to earn 10 bonus points. One of the other items that the Judging Reference Manual talks about is driving points, this provision is usually over looked by the first time owner at chapter meets. An owner can help their final score by clocking the mileage driven to the meet, from the time you leave your home or wherever the Corvette is to the time they reach the judge meet.

The best advise that I could give to a first time owner would be to go over the operations section of judging with their vehicle. The owner should make sure that all the lights, alarm, radio and horns are working properly, even though some of those items are grouped together the can cost you 25 points. Be smart, be informed.

**Central New Jersey Chapter Hosts Several Seminars**

On April 17th Ed Lepelis conducted a meaningful seminar at his Ringoes home on how to buff old and new paint. It was a well attended event with hands on demonstrations of using a buffer and the various types of buffing compounds used for lacquer and urethane coatings. (photos courtesy of Mark Rudnick)



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On June 12th Howard Welch conducted a C2 Judging Seminar at the home of Joe Simon in Rockaway. A complete mock flight judging was conducted on Joe's 1967 convertible. Unfortunately there are no photos of this seminar.

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**Corvette Quiz Answer:**

This is the handy tool Burroughs Office Equipment came up with to remove the knock-outs on GM keys

## ITEMS FOR SALE/WANTED

For sale: Four Coker 205/75/15 goldline radial tires in excellent condition with less than 1000 miles, taken off my 1965 roadster about 10 months ago. DOT numbers show 2002 manufacture date. Stored inside and covered in Westfield, NJ. \$425 for all four. Pictures by email upon request. Contact Wayne Augenstein at (908) 232-2201 or wsaugenstein@hotmail.com

## 2016 GARAGE/BARN CLEAN OUT -- MANY C2-C3 CORVETTE PARTS

'63 black dash w/original pads. Survivor cond. Comes with original dash bezels. Perfect for driver. \$850  
 '73/'74 BB Air Cleaner. \$250  
 '63 gauge cluster missing tach/speedo/odo. Needs restoration. \$350  
 '72 turbo 400 trans. Stored since early seventies. Comes with original cooling lines, flywheel, converter. \$100  
 Many tri-power intakes 67-69.  
 Corvette BB oil pan. Needs work. \$60  
 C3 auto trans gear selectors (2). \$15 ea  
 2 1/2" under car exhaust brackets (2). \$20 ea  
 '68 Tele steering column. \$1500  
 '70 T&T Column (2). \$1000 ea  
 '62 Convertible Top frame. \$1500  
 Late '68-'69 Headrest Seats Complete \$750  
 '75 Convertible rear clip. \$2000  
 '63 Split Window Roof Panel. \$3500  
 '67 Coupe Roof Panel. \$2000  
 '77 Roof Panel. \$750  
 '67 BB Hood Aftermarket. \$250  
 '70 SB Hood. \$100  
 '69 L88 Hood Aftermarket. \$350  
 '70 Wiper Door Assy, \$600  
 '63 grille (OEM) NOS. \$900  
 '53 radiator expansion tank. \$250  
 NOS '68-72 L./fender lower front section \$150  
 '64-'67 Coupe rear window mouldings. \$500  
 '63 convertible left door. \$350  
 '75-'77 top surround panels (GM).  
 Numerous C3 t-top roof panels.  
 Custom '73-'77 roof panel/rear deck with '67 coupe widow. Interesting piece.  
 Entire conv. clear glass OEM for Dec 65 build date from low mi. car.

Many other parts. John 732-367-4523





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