



NEWSLETTER



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BUSINESS MEETINGS & TECH SESSIONS

See Calendar of Events in this issue or on our website: cnjncrs.org



Chairman's Column

Welcome to the New Year!! The chapter had another busy season in 2019, and the Board has recently met to plan a busy calendar of events for 2020.

Recapping the 4th quarter: Joe Tripoli made an interesting technical presentation at BGT Automotive in October, discussing air conditioning systems, oil filler cap identification and wiper motor identification for C1, C2 and C3's. Our Chapter Board Nominations re-elected Vito Cimilluca, Lou Romero, and Pete Loscalzo for Chapter Judging Chairman, Chapter Vice-Chairman, and Chapter Secretary respectively. Joe Klitsch has accepted the position of Chapter Treasurer and Joe Simon is our new Chapter Newsletter Editor. We appreciate both for getting more involved in the chapter's activities.

Our season ended with 35 in attendance at our Chapter Holiday Brunch, which included our generous Toys for Tots fund drive.

Plan to visit our website at cnjncrs.org to view the Calendar of Events for 2020. In addition to our Chapter Judging Meet (April), Chapter Picnic (August) and Holiday Brunch (December), we are planning a number of tech and judging sessions, our second annual Corvettes and Coffee, and a celebration of the Chapter's 25th Anniversary.

We welcome additional ideas for speakers, vendor visits, technical topics, judging sessions and other events, which may be passed along to any Board member.

We are looking forward to an educational and fun 2020.

Joe

Editors Note-It has been a challenging month. Assuming the responsibility of publishing CNJ Newsletter, learning how to use the software and gathering useful information for the Publication. I hope this first attempt is enjoyable to all. I am sure future editions will be easier. However, it will be very difficult and possibly uninteresting if I don't get articles and stories from our members. Please forward Tech articles, adventure stories with your Corvette's, and since we are celebrating 25 years, stories from your experiences over the 25 years. Be sure to include pictures with all submissions. Joe Simon

On December 8th Central NJ Chapter celebrated their Holiday Brunch at KC Prime in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. The buffet was delicious and the conversation was lively among the attendees, as always. The membership also brought girls' and boys' toys, books and games to support our annual charitable gift campaign for the holidays was a success. For those that attended they can relive the event through the pictures, those that did not attend may want to consider joining us in December for this years festive event.



*happy
holidays*



2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JANUARY** No Activity
- FEBRUARY** No Activity
- MARCH** No Activity Due Too Coronavirus
- APRIL** **Chapter Meeting** 3/16/2020 8PM Elks Lodge 110 Hickory Corner Rd. Hightstown, NJ
-Business & Technical Meeting.
-Presentation by Nick Kasnowski on new car preparation.
-Overview by Vito on 2020 NCRS Nationals in French Lick Indiana
- Chapter Judging Meet** 4/26/2020 7AM B&G Automotive 149 Regina Ave. Rahway, NJ
Judging C1 Thru C5. Judges needed. All registration forms on-line or in Driveline.
Donuts and Coffee lunch provided.
- MAY** **Technical Presentation to be Determined**
- Car Show** Sunday 5/17/2020 Wheels for the Wheel Car Show 10AM-3PM
Red Mill Museum Village 56 Main St. Clinton, NJ
You can sign up using our SignUpGenius page, which allows you to register your vehicle and make your donation all in one place!
You can follow the link below to get started:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4fa4ad2ba3fb6-wheels>
- JUNE** **Anniversary Brunch & Road Tour** 6/7/2020 time & location TBD
- Coffee & Corvettes** 6/28/2020 11AM until?
Parker Press Park 400 Rahway Ave. Woodbridge, NJ. **No Judging**
- JULY** **NCRS National Convention** July 19-23 French Lick Indiana
see DRIVELINE for more information
- AUGUST** **Chapter Picnic** 8/2/2020 10AM The Cimilluca's 51 Guernsey Lane Colonia, NJ
- SEPTEMBER** **Tech Session Transmissions** 9/12/20 Saturday 10AM FATSCO/Fisher Transmissions
337 Change Bridge Rd. Pine Brook, NJ. 07058
Larry Fisher will talk about both standard shift and automatic transmissions in Corvettes.
FATSCO is a supplier of transmission parts for antique and classic cars.
Fisher Transmission is a repair shop specializing in both classic and new cars.
- OCTOBER** **Business Meeting** 10/19/2020 8PM Elks Lodge 110 Hickory Corner Rd. Hightstown, NJ
- DeVul Chapter Run for The Ribbons** Chapter Judging Meet
County Corvette 315 Westtown Rd. West Chester, PA
- NOVEMBER** TBD
- DECEMBER** **Holiday Brunch** Sunday 12/6/2020 10 AM KC Prime Lawrenceville NJ

TECHNICAL CORNER

Submitted by: Howard Welch Central New Jersey Chapter NCRS

February 2020 Having you Corvette judged for operations?

When having your Corvette judged you are required to meet various levels of functionality depending on the award you are trying to achieve. The following is intended to give you the owner a basic understanding of the differences in the functionality (operations) of the various awards.

Flight judging Operations

Judging operations for flight judged cars is based on the ability of the car to perform the various functions as identified on the Operations Score Sheet. The items are judged on performance as expected at the time of delivery to the customer, no better, and no worse. There are no provisions for any repair or adjustment to any part or function once the car is placed on the judging field. The owner is expected to perform the operation of each line item as directed by the judges.

The Judging Score Sheet has multiple line items and may have multiple components for the line item. Each line has a maximum of 25 points. The 25 points may be allocated to the components of the line. For example the line item "Headlights" has a 25 point value, however there are multiple components, low beam and high beam, left and right side, points would be appropriately allocated as follows: low beam driver side 6 points, high beam driver side 6 points and low beam passenger side 6 points and high beam passenger side 6 points. That being said, a driver side single low beam not functioning properly would receive a 6-point deduction since there is no provision for a partial point the deduction is rounded to the nearest whole number.

Remember that all items must function as intended, so if a mid-year has a manual choke operated from the inside of the car, a full deduction, 25 points would be expected, since a mid-year Corvette would not also, a line item or component of a line item that is missing would receive a full deduction.

10 bonus points flight judging may be awarded to the total judging points for the presents of a fire extinguisher, NCRS decal, and a battery cut-off switch. If all are present a 10-point bonus would be added, if less than three than 3 points are awarded for each of those that are present.

Founders Award Operations

Founder's Award judging is similar to Flight Judging and is based on the operational functions of the item. Function being the keyword, the individual line item or component of the line item does not need to correct for the year but must open rate as intended if installed. For example, a cassette radio has replaced a Wonder bar radio, a quartz clock has replaced a mechanical clock, etc. as long as these replacement items are installed and function as intended then there would be no deduction for the operation. The same Judging Score Sheets used for flight judging are used for Founder's. There is a minimum score of 96% of the total points available that must be achieved to get the award.

There are no provisions for any repair or adjustment to any part or function once the car is placed on the judging field. The owner is expected to perform the operation of each line item as directed by the judges. Many times, the judges will be assisted by the youth members of NCRS.

As in flight judging 10 bonus points flight judging may be awarded to the total judging points for the presents of a fire extinguisher, NCRS decal, and a battery cut-off switch. If all are present a 10-point bonus would be added, if less than three than 3 points are awarded for each of those that are present.

Performance Verification

The purpose of this test is to determine if the Corvette being judged is correctly equipped and able to fully function and perform as designed, intended and expected when new. Judging is conducted on a pass/fail basis. All items (approx.167) must pass.

A single malfunction during the judging will cause the judging to stop at the point. The owner will be allowed a 15-minute period to correct the malfunction. If the malfunction cannot be completed in the allotted time period, the judging of the car will stop, and the car will fail. In the event that the item malfunctions during the road test portion of judging repairs or replacement may take place on the road if feasible and safe. The owner will be allowed 15 minutes to correct the malfunction. If the item cannot be repaired or replaced during the road test the judging may continue at the judge's discretion (unless there is a safety issue) and the owner will be allowed 15 minutes upon return to the judging field to correct the item that malfunctioned. If the item has been successfully corrected within the 15-minute time allotted. The road test portion of the judging will resume from the point of failure, not from the beginning. If the item cannot be corrected, then the judging will stop, and the car will fail. Any line item that fails may be repaired or replaced with a spare part belonging to the owner, borrowed parts are not permitted or to be used to correct the malfunction.

Example: If a fuel gauge or temperature gauge should malfunction during the road test, the judge may allow the test to continue and allow the gauge to be corrected upon return to the judging field. If the judge **elects to stop the road test at the point of malfunction, then upon** successful repair the road test would continue from the point of the malfunction.

As mentioned, there is an allowance to repair or replace one item on the Performance Verification Score Sheet. In the event a second item or the same item that malfunctions previously malfunctions the test will stop, and the car will fail.

Concourse Operations

Although rather new to NCRS at this point in time (not all classes have been approved for judging) Concourse Operations judging has been incorporated into the NCRS judging format. The Concourse Operations Judging Score Sheets are similar to flight judging and deductions for items follow the same basic guidelines. The functionality of the line items must perform as the owner has intended or expected based on the characteristics of the line item. The items may or may not appear as the item from the factory and may or may not function in a similar fashion, but they must work. Missing item are

acceptable provided the area in which the item would have been has been substituted with another item or has been changed so as to not leave an unfinished appearance.

Example: A remote door opener installed in place of a typical style door handle on a mid-year, although not correct for flight judging is acceptable for Concourse. If present, the item must function as expected or intended (the door must operate with the remote). If there is a Television installed in the interior, the television must work (display a picture and change channels, etc.). If, for example a radio was deleted and the opening for the radio was not replaced with something else or finished to appear as though a radio was never present then a full or partial deduction would be appropriate.

At what judging events do the various Operations judging take place?

| | Chapter | Regional | National |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Flight | X | X | X |
| Founder's | | X | X |
| Performance Verification | | X | X |
| Concourse | X | X | X |

Descriptions and Prerequisites

There are many prerequisites for each of the judging classes and awards. Please refer to the Corvette Judging Reference Manual for a more definitive description and the prerequisites.



Judging Resources

To support the NCRS' purpose of educating individuals on the restoration and preservation of Corvettes, the chapter has established judging teams. The teams are responsible for coordinating two or more sessions a year where a member's Corvette is judged under the current NCRS guide lines. These judging sessions are intended



Judging Chairman

Vito Cimilluca

732-396-7182

Colonia , N J

Judging Team Leaders

Year Leader Phone Location

| | | | |
|----------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 53 to 62 | Joe Tripoli | 484-456-3761 | Mount Bethel PA |
| 63 to 67 | Howard Welch | 609-494-7618 | Barnegat Light, NJ |
| 68 to 82 | Mark Rudnick | 609-895-1687 | Lawrenceville, NJ |
| 84 to 96 | Nick Kasnowski | 732 762 1088 | Colonia. NJ |
| 97 to 99 | Joe Klitsch | 732-921-8571 | Bridgewater NJ |



NCRS Chapter Meet
Sunday, April, 26, 2020
149 Regina Drive, Rahway, NJ, 07065
Hosted by B & G Automotive
All Indoors

Schedule of Events

7:30AM Registration, Flight Judge Operations 8:30 AM Judges & Owners meeting
 9:00AM Flight Judging Begins

Class Limitations: Judging field will be determined by earliest post mark. Participants must be a current National NCRS member. Registration closes 4/10/19.

General Registration

Name: _____ NCRS#: _____
 Street Address _____ City: _____
 Zip _____ Home Phone() _____ Mobile() _____
 Chapter Affiliation _____ Email Address _____

Flight and Display Car Information

Model Year: _____ Complete VIN #: _____
 Coupe: _____ Convertible: _____
 Exterior Color: _____ Paint Code: _____ Body Code: _____
 Interior Color: _____ Trim Code: _____ Interior Fabric: Leather: Vinyl: Cloth: _____
 Engine/Horsepower: _____ J _____ Transmission: _____
 Build Date: _____ Body Number: _____ Trailered: _____ Driven: _____
 Auto Ins. Co. Name: _____ Policy#: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____/____

Please note: You must send proof of insurance and ownership(copies) along with this registration form.

Judges Information & Preferences

Year: (53-62) _____ (63-67) _____ (68-82) _____ (84-96) _____ (97-99) _____ Judging Level: _____
 Preferences Int. _____ Ext. _____ Mech. _____ Chassis _____ Ops. _____ O J. _____
 Tabulate: _____ Tabulator Level: _____

Registrations Costs:

_____ Flight Judging \$85 \$ _____
 _____ Sportsman Display \$30 \$ _____
 Mark of Excellence, Bowtie & Crossed Flags Display _____ N/C _____

Make check payable to CNJ-NCRS and mail with the completed registration form and a copy of your insurance card and ownership to:

Vito Cimilluca 51 Guernsey Lane, Colonia, NJ, 07067

Registration or Judging Information: Vito Cimilluca - 732-261-8928 - vitoc@comcast.net

: Car Entrants Must Sign and return Hold Harmless Agreement

Hold Harmless Agreement

"Whereas all participants, including owners, voluntarily enter into this Central New Jersey Chapter Meet, it is agreed as follows: I agree to insure my vehicle(s) and property against loss, damage, liability, and provide proof of insurance. I also agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its Officers, Director, Agents, Employees, Chapters, or products for any act/omission which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of ANY property or injury to me or others occurring, during, or as a consequence of this event, wherever located.

Owner's Signature: _____ Date ____/____/____

Spirit of '53 Corvette Car Club is having their annual show on May 31, 2020. Several of our members have attended and supported this show in past years. CNJ has a table at this event and recruits new members. We are asking our members to attend this show in support of our Chapter. Our members have quality Corvettes that will add to the success of the show and bolster our support and drive for new members.

In past years we have organized a tour to this show. All members that sign up for the show, please let one of the board members know so we can organize the tour and all show up together. Board member e mails are on the cover page.

Corvette Show

To celebrate the 46th year of our corvette club and help support The Ronald McDonald House, the Spirits of '53 Corvette Club will be holding their Annual Judged Corvette Show.

Location: **American Legion Parking Lot**

Washington Ave. & J.F. Kennedy Dr., Milltown, NJ

Date: **May 31st, 2020**

Time: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Judging starts promptly at 11:00 AM, trophies at 2:30 PM

Registration: \$20.00 prepaid \$25.00 Day of the Show

Food & Beverages will be available

Check spiritsof53.net for show status updates the day before the show



Spirits of '53 Corvette Club

PO Box 213

South River, New Jersey 08882

Registration form next page

Trophies awarded in the following classes: Street Stock, Modified and Full Custom. There will also be specialty awards for paint, engine compartment, and best in show.

The Club reserves the right to combine or split classes depending on the number of participants.

Show Dash Plaques guaranteed for the first 100 Corvettes registered.

Host Cars Are Not Included with Participant Class Judging

Make checks payable to Spirits of '53 Corvette Club, which should arrive no later than April 30th and mail to:

Spirits of '53 Corvette Club
PO Box 213
South River, New Jersey 08882

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Corvette Year: _____ Body (circle): Coupe Convertible

Exterior Color: _____ Class Entered C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8
Stock Modified Custom

Club Affiliation (if any) _____

Spirits of '53 Corvette Club



In Memory of Elaine Rasiner

Many of our members attended events at Del Val Chapter. We interacted with Elaine and always appreciated her welcoming attitude. As an organizer of almost all Del Val events the program went smoothly and in most cases finished on time.

In her passing I felt it would be appropriate to post her Daughters comments about her mother. Rest in peace Elaine and God's speed from all the members of the Central NJ Chapter.

February 2020

Elaine Rasiner - Remembrance

By: Jana Raisner

My mother was an incredible person who had a love and passion for the Corvette hobby and was known for her kindness and generosity. It's hard to believe but she didn't like Corvettes initially way back when my parents first started dating in 1969. It's a good thing my dad changed her mind and it became something they both loved and enjoyed. My parents were together for 51 years, that's a lot of different changes to the Corvette, new technology, new body styles, and bigger engines.

My mom played such a crucial part in many major Corvette shows throughout the years, beginning as a tabulator and then transitioning to leading and organizing events such as Corvettes at Carlisle NCRS Gallery, Run for the Ribbons and many regional and national events. She always went above and beyond running every Corvette event like a well-oiled machine and took charge to ensure the shows ran without a hitch. She co-chaired the NCRS Gallery at Corvettes at Carlisle, a special collection of Corvettes, with Frank Stech for 19 years and has been a major part of organizing the Run for the Ribbons the last 39 years. If you do the math, she made an impact on thousands of people. She was a pioneer in promoting and further progressing awareness and community of the Corvette hobby.

My mom had a passion for Corvettes but what she was most known for was the kindness and generosity she shared. She always enjoyed Corvettes but what she loved most was the community she helped support and build. She would go out of her way to ensure people were included, remembered someone's anniversary, supported someone going through a difficult time, spreading kindness wherever needed. She was a doer, not just saying "Please let me know if you need anything." But rather, she always knew exactly what people needed, whether it was bringing someone a meal, arranging someone to get to a Corvette show, gathering the community together to support one of our own. She truly did it all.

As we all continue to grieve and move forward from our loss of my mom, I want to ensure my mom's memory continues on. I ask everyone to do 2 things. First, continue to promote and grow the Corvette hobby just as she did by volunteering at Corvette shows, serving on your chapter board, hosting seminars, etc. Find a way a way to get involved with NCRS. Secondly, go spread kindness. Instead of saying "let me know what I can do to help." go be a doer, figure out how you can help someone, how you can make someone's day brighter and go do it. Let's all continue what she always set out to do, spreading kindness.

Every time I see a Corvette I know it's her saying hello and letting me know she is always with us. On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time for my family. It has been by far the toughest thing we have ever been through but it is our community that has been there every step of the way. The NCRS Corvette community isn't just a group of friends but a family that has loved and supported us through this all. Lastly, please reach out to my family and share your favorite memories you had of my mom, it's been incredible to see the amazing impact she has made on so many.



FOR SALE-NEEDS-&-WANTS

Mike is a current member of the New England Chapter looking for a C3 Convertible 1968 -1972 with P/S, P/B in good condition with matching numbers. He lives in the Boston area, (he wants a nice no hit driver in good condition. If anyone knows of someone who has such a car for sale could they please contact him (Mike) in Boston.

(339-234-0091) or email (murk6957@verizon.net).

Like to know if any of the guys (or gals) might have a blower switch (the one that mounts on the console) for a 65 coupe with a/c. The part number, I believe is 3864605. NOS would be really nice, but any would be appreciated. A/C cars are different than non a/c. Thank you. Duke

Duke Casaleiz
908-754-0663
jmcasaleiz@gmail.com

MEMORY LANE

THE FIRST TWENTY FIVE YEARS



REMEMBERENCES OF OUR 2001 REGIONAL

By Eric Meyer

The picture above was taken from the top of the Woodbridge Hilton in Woodbridge, NJ. The Woodbridge Hilton was the host hotel for our first NE Regional hosted by the Central New Jersey Chapter of the NCRS in 2001. It shows the vastness and expanse of the judging field that was used for judging at this event. I estimate that approximately 100 Corvettes registered for flight judging. The number of registered cars was of the same order of magnitude that attended the NCRS National that year.

It was a very successful event despite the fact that it poured rain the first day of registration. We all felt sorry for the volunteer staff that was responsible for directing car and trailer parking in the rain all day! The national board members were all on hand to observe, help and guide us, and make sure things went smoothly considering that we were a small and new chapter and this was our first regional. But all went extremely well thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and our Judging Chairman Vito Cimilluca and registrar Elizabeth Meyer. By the way, at that time, I happened to be treasurer for this event.

Although the show went well all was not perfect since the twin towers in NYC were attacked a week before our regional. The event schedule for the regional included bus tours to various NYC sites but they had to be cancelled as a result and were rescheduled to go the New Hope Pa. instead. The CNJ Chapter of NCRS collected approximately \$1000 in donations to help the victims of that attack.

CNJ CHAPTER MEMBER INFORMATION

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HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

E-MAIL

JUDGING INTEREST

CORVETTE INFORMATION CHANGES - YEAR, MODEL, COLOR

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