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THE START OF A NEW SEASON OF CORVETTE FUN!

**Chairman's Column**

By: Ed Di Napoli

It was disappointing that we had to cancel the February meeting due to icy weather. With the milder winter, compared to last year, we really had bad weather luck. My apologies for the multi e-mails canceling the February meeting. I sent the first e-mail at 12:30 PM and learned at 3:00 PM that the e-mail did not go through. I sent a second and third e-mail to be sure it was communicated. The last thing I wanted to see was a member showing up in bad weather, when no meeting was taken place. I will always try to make a weather decision as early as possible. The interest in the new Judging Standards showed in the attendance at our March meeting. The discussions and feedback from the members indicated that most got and understood the changes. The changes will go into effect after the 2016 National in July.

I have informed the Board and the membership that I will not be running for Chairman in November. After 5 years, I feel its time for me to move on and get some new blood, energy and ideas at the helm. I appreciate the opportunity that the Chapter has offered me to serve its membership, for which I thoroughly enjoyed. I have asked all Board Members if there was any interest, but no one showed an interest in changing positions. If anyone has an interest in serving as Chairman, please let me know. We have a job description that lays out all the responsibilities and activities of the Chairman. I will offer my services to; mentor, consult, or do whatever is necessary to make a good transparent transition. If no one shows interest, I will stay on as, Acting Chairman until we have a candidate. I have been in touch with Princeton Chevrolet, regarding the hosting our Chapter show in September. Their response was somewhat disappointing. They indicated that they have new advertising pressure from Chevrolet and were not sure if the funds will be available to support our show. They promised to let me know as soon as they make a decision. More to come on this.

Joe Bardon is working on the events calendar and has some exciting ideas in which I think you will want to participate. Watch our Calendar of Events on our web site for all Chapter activities, www.cnjncrs.com. Hoping to see you soon at a NCRS event
Ed

Ed Di Napoli, Chairman**Joe Bardon, ViceChairman****Rich Vaughan, Treasurer****Pat Addonizio, Secretary****Vito Cimilluca, Judging Chairman****Bob Zimmerman, Newsletter**

Editor

**BUSINESS MEETINGS &
TECH SESSIONS**

See Calendar of Events

Meet the Members

By: Guy Vandervliet

Erich Meyer

As we approach the warm spring weather, many of our “garage Queens” will energize once again for renewed activity. This is an opportunity to meet one of our long-time members of both NCRS and CNJ-NCRS, Erich Meyer. Those of us who have known Erich for many years clearly can identify him with the tag “Mr. Original.” This will become clearer as you read on.

Erich became extremely interested in Corvettes in 1962 when the 1963 model appeared on the cover of the October edition of Car and Driver. Note—Erich still has the “original” cover and article. A year later he got a ride in a 1963 340 hp convertible that belonged to his teacher and coach, and the direction was set.

Erich has been an NCRS member since 1985, a member of CNJ NCRS since 1995 where he served as Treasurer for a number of years, and his wife, Elizabeth, served as Secretary. He also belongs to our partner group, Delaware Valley NCRS. He is the author of several Corvette Restorer articles including on the “1972 Transmission Controlled Spark System” in the Winter 2014 edition.

Back to “original”—Many of us restore, rebuild, or take whatever action we can to bring our “old plastic toys” back to being as original as possible. Erich has a head start. His only Corvette is a 1972 white coupe with black interior. It’s an LT1 with 3.70 rear that Erich bought new in September, 1971. It has 60,578 “original” miles and is as correct and unrestored as anyone could imagine, to the point that the car has the original exhaust system. It has won 6 Top Flight awards, the latest at the 2013 National Convention, a 5 Star Bow Tie, and the Longest Driven Award at the 2014 DelVal meet.

Erich and Elizabeth spend most of the year at their home in Brick Twp. and part of the winter in Florida. Erich, as “Mr. Original”, finds ways to get back to NJ in the winter months to run and exercise his baby. Erich is a retired mechanical engineer and has lived in Brick Twp. since 1976. In addition, Erich has an original 1966 Corvair which he bought new.

Erich and Elizabeth are considered true NCRS people. Erich is a level 163 Master Judge and Elizabeth is a level 115 Tabulator who will be awarded her official jacket at the Rhode Island Event.



Business Meeting Minutes	January 11, 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 January 11, 2016 held at the Hightstown Elks Club was called to order at 8:15 pm. The number in attendance was 15.

The agenda was to address the following:

- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Vice Chairman's Report
 - Carb shop trip review
 - Christmas party review
 - 2016 Events
- Vice Chairman's Report
 - Team leaders for 2016
 - Tech sessions for 2016
- Chapter's new business
 - Regional Director for Region 3
 - 2016 board nominations and elections
 - 2016 meeting schedule

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

The secretary was called upon to read the minutes from the November meeting. They were accepted as read. Richard gave the full treasurer's report for 2015. The opening balance was \$21,726.38 of which \$1,444.33 was in the operating account and \$20,282.05 was in our savings account. The income for the year was \$3,940.95. This was received from membership dues, chapter meet, holiday brunch, 50/50 contributions, web site link, and bank account interest. The expenses in the amount of \$4,971.48 were for food at events, holiday brunch, hall rental for business meetings, web hosting, taxes, awards and plaques, donations and miscellaneous supplies. We ended the year with a loss of \$1,030.53. The loss for 2015 is the result of the decrease in membership dues. The treasurer report was accepted as read. Ed then added an explanation of how the board operates the budget by trying to give back to the members the income for that year. A preliminary budget for 2016 should be ready for our March meeting.

Vito gave the judging chairman's report. He thanked Joe for coordinating the event at Custom Rebuilt Carbs. Vito will be sending Phil, the owner of the shop, a certificate of appreciation. The team leaders will remain the same for 2016. Vito is looking to put together a calendar of events for the year. He asked the members in attendance if anyone had an interest in having their car judged as part of a tech session for a pre-judge or pre-pv. Our first tech session for 2016 will be in February with a topic on NCRS Judging. Vito asked the members for suggestions on tech sessions they would like to see conducted this year. He confirmed that the chapter would conduct an event on a Saturday in late spring, with Dave Brigham as a guest speaker, on NCRS judging.

Joe was called upon to give the vice-chairman's report. He began with thanking Howard for all of his time spent with Joe preparing him for the position. He discussed the success of the tech session in December at the carb shop. Phil hosted a great event that lasted two hours and was very informative. The Christmas party was a great success and everyone enjoyed it. We had 42 people attend the event. It is our intention to return to the same venue for 2016, tentatively scheduled for December 11th. The main chapter events which include the annual picnic, the chapter meet and the holiday brunch will take place in 2016. Joe would like to try and add some new events to the calendar. Some possibilities are a road trip to a restoration shop, a local winery or a car museum. The board would like to see the chapter conduct some type of event each month and asked the members for suggestions.

Ed went on to discuss the regional status. Vito is still working with the National to try to resolve the issues with setting up a PayPal account. Since accepting payments for a regional meet via PayPal is now a requirement, the members were wondering how other chapters have been dealing with this issue. John Kane, our new regional director, was present at the meeting and agreed to look into this issue for the chapter. If resolved, the chapter would like to use PayPal for our own meet this September. We then discussed the possibility of changing the location of our monthly meetings. This was tested last year and did not produce great results. It was felt that the number in attendance was the same, at best, with just a few different faces depending on the location. One idea was to hold meetings on the same day, time and location each month, which would hopefully result in members getting into a routine to attend meetings. Another idea was to look at the roster to see where most of the members are located and possibly change the location to be more central. The last idea was to try and have more technical discussions and/or guest speakers to make the meetings more informative. This topic would be discussed again at a later date once the board had a chance to discuss these ideas. Ed closed the meeting welcoming Joe Kliitsch, a new member in attendance, and asked him to tell us a little about himself.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

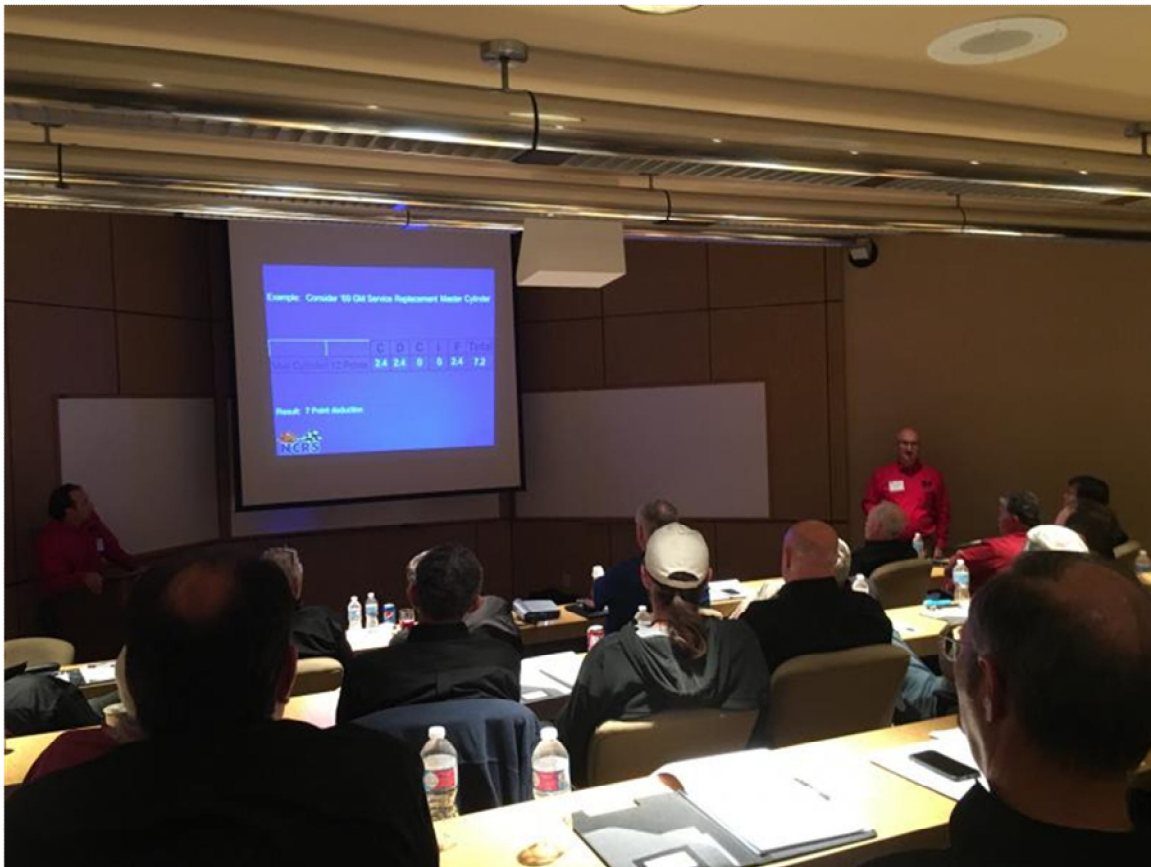
Respectfully submitted,
Pat Addonizio #54404 Secretary Central NJ NCRS

Three For Three, The Value of NCRS Training

By: Pat Fullam

I recently attend three NCRS Judging Seminars of various levels and the attendance at these events was well worth the trips.

The first one that I attended was the NCRS Judging Retreat in Dallas/Grapevine, Texas from March 10 to March 13, 2016. This was the second NCRS Judging Retreat I have attended and I learned a great deal to help me in my judging assignments. You first arrive at the Dallas Airport and then a shuttle is provided by the Hotel that takes you directly to the facility. Therefore, there is no need to rent a vehicle unless you want to travel around the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Almost all of the attendees do not rent a vehicle. All activities are conducted at the Hotel. Training is set up for two groups of attendees to the Retreat. The first group arrives on Thursday for some preliminary instructions and their assignments for Friday and Saturday. The second group arrives on Friday and they also receive their assignments for Saturday and Sunday. Members of each group and then broken down into smaller groups for individual instructions. The days are ten hours long with the first full day consisting of classroom instruction. The instructors are usually 400+ Judges with some of them the leaders in the individual field of experience.



The topics addressed during the classroom sessions were Judging levels, such as those for Performance Valuation (PV), Flight Judging and Founders Awards. Differences in the requirements for each level of judging were reviewed.

A large portion of the time was devoted to the CDCIF Matrix Judging (Condition, Date, Completeness, Installation and Finish). The essence of judging by use of the CDCIF matrix was to give consistency to Judging on all levels (Chapter, Regional and National). It was explained that each of the five factors is always worth 20% of the available Originality points assigned. The session was chaired by Freddie Grimm and Joe Scafidi.

Also there was a discussion of the new NCRS Paint Chart that will be disseminated after the National Convention in July. The new Paint Chart will be friendlier to the individual having his Corvette Judged. Until the National the old NCRS Paint Chart will be utilized.

A very informative session was headed by Tom Ames and John Ballard on Corvette Paint and Fiberglass. Methods of judging paint and fiberglass were discussed with the emphasis on Distinctive of Image (DOI) and the very tough judging of metallics in the paints.

A session was held on Judging Etiquette by Tom Russo and Terry McManmon.

The day in the classroom flew by and it was on to the actual judging of Corvettes in the basement of the Hotel the next day.

Keeping in mind according to the judging factors of CDCIF it did not matter what year of Corvette was to be judged. At the retreat there was a C1 and numerous C2's and a C3. A C4 was supposed to be available for judging, but the owner sold the C4 two days before the retreat was to commence. But again, it did not matter what year of Corvette was to be judged, the emphasis was on consistency of judging.

You were paired up with another student and had the opportunity to judge four different Corvettes in various sections. You had assigned to you a seasoned judge who would assist you in the judging. There was also a Team Leader to coordinate the judging of all the teams. It was not a race to see how much you could judge, but how you judged.

There were numerous breaks during the judging process to review your findings. Also at the end of the day there was a meeting of all the participants to go over the activity of the day.





The actual judging was as it would be on the judging field, again the process was main point of judging. Even though we were judging excellent examples of the Corvette our team discovered a potential dangerous situation with a 1973. Upon examination of the throttle linkage we discovered that it was frayed against the radio shielding was near the breaking point. The owner was very happy to discover this situation on the judging field and not on the highway. I found the Retreat to be a very useful source of judging knowledge offered by the Top Judges in the country.



The next week I had the opportunity to attend a Judging and Technical Seminar hosted by Al Grenning. If you only go to one of these seminars in your life, make it Al's. This seminar was hosted by the Delaware Valley Chapter at County Corvettes in West Chester, PA. Al displayed a wealth of information on the inception of the MK-IV Corvette that appeared late in 1963. The slides that Al presented were GM originals dating back to that time period and showed a progression of the development of this famous Corvette engine along with the M22 (rock crusher) Transmission.

Al next went into Corvette Documentation starting with an explanation of the Corvette Production Order and what was on that document and related documents that followed.

It was amazing the number of documents related to one Corvette from the initial order at the dealer to the finished product. Al had numerous slides displaying the good and bad copies of such items.

For the third part of his presentation Al discussed Corvette Engine Legitimacy. I do not think anyone has a greater library of photos of engine stampings than Al. He displayed numerous photos of stampings on engine pads and explanations to the various methods of stampings at the factory. He set out a list of 7 methods to determine the originality of the stampings.

He even showed some stampings that most of us would question, like inverted numbers and inconsistent letters and numbers which we all questioned. We all felt good about our opinions until Al displayed a sequence of stampings before and after the initial stamping shown to us. What the sequence of the stampings showed was that what at first appeared to be inconsistencies in the stampings can be tracked through numerous stampings. Such as the inverted number, it appeared in stampings in the same manner before and after the initial example.

Al spoke of restoration engines, cylinder case numbers and dates, VIN Application at St. Louis and engine pad strike stamping characteristics. Al is also the co author of two NCRS publications dealing with VIN tags and Trim tags.

Like I stated previously Al's presentations are worth your time to hear him. Some seminars can be dry subject matter, but Al's method of presentation is very unique and keeps your interest throughout the presentation. A handout of the topics was presented to each member attending on the particular subject matter he was going to discuss.

Two days later I was at the Central New Jersey Chapter Technical Seminar to discuss Paint and Painting Techniques. This was very interesting seminar in that the various methods of paint application were discussed and the difficulty in matching the original paint on the older Corvette. Also discussed was the manner in which the paint was applied at St. Louis and that sometimes it left a lot to be desired because of application methods and the workmanship at the plant.

I have set forth above the various types of Judging Seminars from the National Level to the Chapter Level that are available. They contain an enormous amount of information necessary for properly judging Corvettes. Even if you don't judge there is a lot of information presented at these training events that should interest any Corvette lover. Do yourself a favor and sign up for one near you soon.





NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S COLUMN

By: Bob Zimmerman

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



MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

By: Rich Vaughan

It's time for you to send in 2016 Dues. It will remain the same at \$30.00. As you all know, dues remittances are **expected** to be in by the end of January. With the new form developed in 2015 by the National, there is a place to record dues sent in for up to three years at a time (2015, 2016, 2017). This allows you to begin sending in your money at any time, what ever is easiest for you.

Timely remittance allows the chapter to maintain a working Operating Budget throughout the year to accomplish our goals.



JUDGING CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By: Vito Cimilluca

As in 2015 I will be working with the team leaders once again to develop training sessions and judging clinics to be announced in the future.

Latest From National

In light of founding member and Membership Chairman Gary Mortimer's retirement and the resignation of Eric Mortimer a number of measures have been undertaken by the national board. While the filling of these positions is fluid some measures have been undertaken to keep the organization running smoothly. Below are several announcements made in that regard from NCRS President Mike Ingham and Restorer Editor Vinnie Peters.

Dear Members,

As previously announced in my Winter Restorer column, Gary Mortimer retired at the end of his current term, which was effective on Thursday, March 17th. Gary's retirement was a Board decision, taken as a first step in addressing NCRS's financial situation, which is discussed in my Spring Restorer column.

The Board's plan was for Eric Mortimer to take charge of operations in Cincinnati and we had offered him increased responsibilities. Unexpectedly, late Thursday afternoon March 17th I received an email from Eric announcing that he is resigning effective March 31st.

The Board spent Thursday evening and much of Friday putting together a plan to handle the various tasks formerly handled by the Cincinnati office. This plan will take some time to implement and there will undoubtedly be some bumps in the road, but with your patience and understanding we will get through this.

Best regards,

Mike Ingham

I'm sure by now all of you are aware of the change that's taking place... Effective immediately, I have the added responsibility of publishing *The Driveline* along with *The Restorer*. **All Driveline ads, member, commercial and Chapter and Regional Meet advertising must be re-sent to NCRSDriveline@ncrs.org Members should continue to submit ads via the online link for submitting the free ad for each issue. <https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/submit-driveline-ad.php> Any chapter that has an upcoming meet and wants it in the May-June Driveline **MUST** submit the copy to me by April 1st at the above email address. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated in this time of transition. Please be patient as I have my work cut out for me and hope I can eventually do the superb job that Eric Mortimer did for the past 15 years. Thanks, Vinnie Peters**



ITEMS FOR SALE/WANTED

For Sale:

Four wheels and tires size P215/70R-15, they have a few hundred miles on them, and they came off my '62 Corvette. The bolt circle is 4.75 inches, and the lug nuts and washers are all brand new. I'm asking \$1000. If there's a serious buyer I can deliver them to a CNJ Business meeting.

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NCRS # Check DUES for 2016____ 2017_____

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JUDGING INTEREST

CORVETTE INFORMATION CHANGES - YEAR, MODEL, COLOR

I hereby state that I am a member in good standing of NCRS, Inc. and that I agree to abide by the NCRS and CNJ Chapter bylaws.

Signature

Date

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