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Chairman's Column

By: Joe Bardon

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays. This is the time of year when our Corvettes are either apart or in hibernation for the winter months. The chapter had a very busy fall and early winter with a pair of interesting speakers, a judging session at B&G Automotive, and our annual Holiday Brunch at KC Prime.

Elections were held and Lou Romero, Marta Romero and Vito Cimilluca remain as Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Chapter Judging Chairman, respectively, for 2019. Ed DiNapoli has handed the Secretary duties over to Pete Loscalzo, and Marvin Burock continues to publish our Chapter Newsletter as Editor. Ed's efforts and leadership over many years in a number of board positions, including Chairman twice, are appreciated by the board and the membership.

January is the time of the year for establishing the calendar of events for the new year. The board has met to develop activities, technical sessions, and social events. We are always looking for new ideas for the chapter, so don't hesitate to forward them to a member of the board. Vendor visits, new speakers, judging sessions, and other events are always welcome.

I look forward to an enthusiastic and active season of chapter activities in 2019.

Joe

BUSINESS MEETINGS & TECH SESSIONS

See Calendar of Events on our website: cnjncrs.org

MEET THE MEMBER

Mark Rudnick
By
Guy Vander Vliet

Mark is well known to most as a long-term, active leader of our group and a Corvette enthusiast.

Mark has served as our chairman, team leader and presenter of workshops on numerous occasions. He is also one of the founding members of our CNJ group coming from the Woodbridge Corvette Club.

Mark began his love for Corvettes when as a kid he was attracted to a 1st generation Corvette which was out of his financial reach. His first Corvette ride was in a 1979 that belonged to a friend, whose dad was a mechanic and ran a repair shop.

Mark has owned 6 Corvettes through the years and presently owns and drives a 2011 Crystal Red Tintcoat Grand Sport Convertible. He feels that his most interesting car was a 1970 T Top Coupe that was Mulsanne Blue with bright blue vinyl interior. He owned this car for 15 years and was its fourth owner. The car was originally sold by Princeton Chevrolet and lived most of its life within a 15 mile radius. The car received NCRS Regional Top Flight/3 Star Award for Preservation and was featured in a "Vette Magazine" article "Its Only Original Once".

Mark is a 400 Level Master Judge and previously served as a Bloomington Gold Judge for a number of years.

After retiring from the Carteret School System as a speech and Language Specialist, Mark maintained a Corvette consulting business working with buyers and sellers. He has retired "Buyers and Sellers Connection LLC" as of Oct 2018.

Mark and his wife Robin have lived in Lawrenceville for the past 18 years and they enjoy travel, photography and touring with their Grand Sport.

Say "hello" and get to know Mark, a real Corvette expert, a little better.



Visit to St John Vianney High School

Last December, Chapter members Ed DiNapoli, Lou Romero, Guy Vander Vliet, Steve Cook, and Marvin Burock met with students from the St John Vianney High School Car Club to lend a helping hand with their 1976 Corvette Stingray project car that they are restoring for a United States Marine. Ed DiNapoli had also met previously with the group back in November. A great time was had by all.



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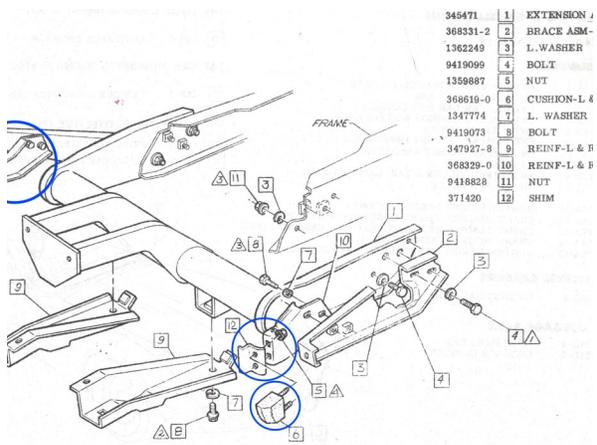
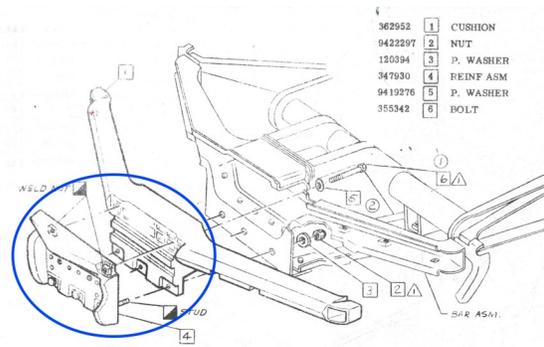
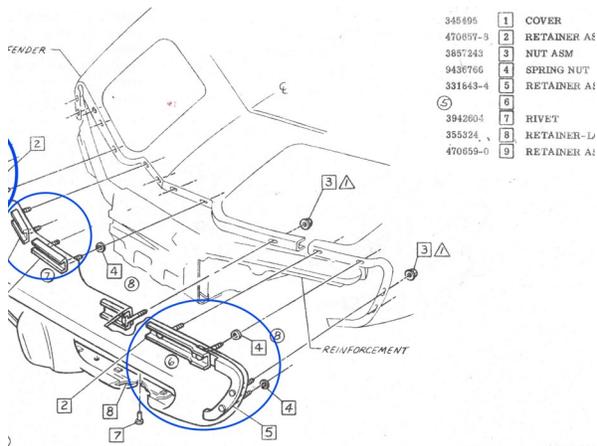


Tech Article: C3 Corvettes with Urethane Front Bumpers
by Marvin Burock

This tech article is meant to show the hidden costs often associated with returning a C3 Corvette front bumper from an aftermarket fiberglass one back to a proper OEM-style urethane part. The photos shown here chronicle some of the paint stripping process as well as the front bumper removal on my 1977 project car. In addition, the replacement urethane bumper is shown after being put into primer. If you look closely at the photo of the car with the front bumper removed, you will notice that much of the hardware inside the bumper had been gutted in order to accommodate an aftermarket fiberglass one. The missing parts are outlined in blue circles on the scans of the 1977 Corvette Assembly Manual shown on the next page. Of all these items, the only ones that are available as new parts in the aftermarket are the bumper retainers shown in the first scan. All of the other items need to be sourced as either used or NOS parts. This can be a very time consuming and expensive process. In addition, some body work will likely be required to accommodate the return to a urethane bumper.

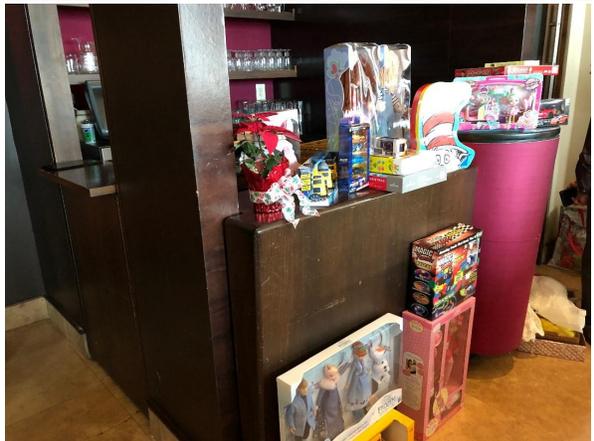


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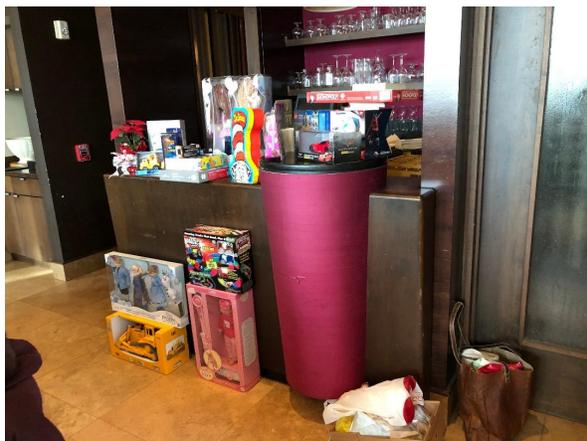


Holiday Brunch

A total of 35 Chapter members and guests attended the traditional Chapter Holiday Brunch on Sunday morning December 12th. It was held again at KC Prime in Lawrenceville, and it was highlighted by lively conversation and an excellent buffet. Included in our brunch was our annual Toys for Tots gift campaign, and a number of new toys, games and books were generously donated by our members. The brunch was a good kick start to the celebration of the holiday season for all who attended.



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Detailing Seminar

Fifteen Chapter members attended our November meeting on Monday November 19th which began with the conclusion of our chapter election of officers and preceded an informative presentation. Bob Weiner, a professional detailer and owner of Finer Details, was introduced to the group by chapter member Joe Simon, who has used Bob for detailing his hot rods in the past.

Bob's presentation included a discussion on washing, claying, and polishing our Corvettes using proper techniques and the latest products. He also discussed glass cleaning and headlight restoration along with carpet and upholstery cleaning and care. Bob then opened the floor to questions, and concluded with an invitation to visit his new shop in Long Branch anytime.



Items for Sale/Wanted

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