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Happy New Year!

Chairman's Column

By: Joe Bardon



I hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday season with their families. We have concluded another busy year of chapter events and activities, and we are now planning our calendar for 2018.

We recently conducted the nominations and election of our new Board. We welcome Lou Romero as our Vice-Chairman, and Marta Romero as our Treasurer. We thank Pat Addonizio and Rich Vaughan as they leave their positions as Secretary and Treasurer after many years of valued service. Ed DiNapoli is moving from Vice-Chairman to replace Pat as Secretary, and we appreciate his continued participation for the chapter. We are fortunate to have Vito remain as Chapter Judging Chairman.

After many years as our Chapter Newsletter Editor, Bob Zimmerman is passing his quill to Marvin Burock, who has taken responsibility as publisher beginning with this edition. We thank Bob for his creativity and energy, and Marvin for his enthusiasm in assuming the important role of Editor for our newsletter.

We have had an active and educational fourth quarter, with both Mark Rudnick and Howard Welch holding interesting and well attended C3 and C2 judging sessions in October and November. In addition, Joe Tripoli spoke at our October meeting, followed by a technical session with several unique Corvettes at B&G Automotive in Rahway. Finally, Jerry Ambrosi, owner of Master Upholstery in Newton, spoke to us at the November meeting about tops and interiors for our Corvettes.

The final activity of the year was our festive Holiday Brunch at KC Prime in Lawrenceville in December. We had 38 in attendance with great food and conversation, in addition to our consistent generosity for the annual Toys for Tots drive.

As the new Board is busy putting together our 2018 calendar of events, we want to thank the membership for their participation in 2017. We always welcome new ideas including driving events, guest speakers, tech sessions, technical articles, and social events from our members to enable us to get together to enjoy both our company and our cars.

Best wishes for a great New Year.

Joe

Meet the Members

Meet Marvin Burock

By

Guy Vander Vliet

Marvin is one of our newer members and has stepped up to take over the editor position of the NCRS newsletter after 10 years of outstanding work by Bob Zimmerman as editor.

Marvin is a very interesting guy with a diverse background of experiences and is working toward a special future direction, read on....

Marvin reports that his interest in cars and mechanical things began when at the age of about two his mom gave him a Playskool toy called "Take-Apart Car". Marvin built numerous model cars and trucks as he was growing up. As a high school student in Manville, he read and memorized Hemmings and dreamed as he read about the variety of cars and motorcycles advertised.

His early exposure to high performance was related to a '73 Trans Am Super Duty car that belonged to a friend of his dad. Somewhere he got interested in the "Corvette Black Book" and virtually memorized the specs and details contained within. Marvin got his drivers license in 1983 and began looking for a 1979 Corvette or Trans Am. Through the years he has owned a variety of regular cars including a '75 Mustang, '80 LeMans and a couple of Honda Civics which were his daily drivers.

Marvin, however, had a strong focus on motorcycles to the point that at one time he owned 17 of them, both street and off-road, with a big variety of marques and vintages.

In 2008 Marvin sought out and purchased a new Corvette Z06 which is red with black interior. He bought it from a dealer in Florida and drove it home to New Jersey. He still owns the car which has a grand total of 8000 miles on it today. Marvin recently bought a '77 that he is working on as a restoration project, doing most of the work himself.

Marvin graduated from Rutgers University with a major in Marketing and a minor in Music. After graduating Marvin spent the next 20 years working in high-tech development for firms like Prudential, PricewaterhouseCoopers, IBM and Oracle. At Prudential, Marvin worked as a systems analyst supporting its individual life insurance portfolios. While with PricewaterhouseCoopers and later with IBM and Oracle in their consulting practices, he implemented enterprise-wide systems for global corporations. He traveled extensively during this time and continued his interest and involvement with music. For a long period his focus was on Jazz and he became close friends with Joe Morello who was the drummer with The Dave Brubeck Quartet in the 1950s and 60s. He became a student of Joe's and toured with him. After Joe passed away, his wife gave Marvin control of all of the collected memorabilia and historical collections.

Marvin is now a full-time graduate student at Rutgers University nearing completion of his Master's Degree and likely leading to continued studies toward the completion of his PhD with the focus on Music, particularly the history of Jazz.

Marvin has written extensively within NCRS seeking to revise and make corrections to our judging documents and guidelines. He has a particular interest in the '70-'72 performance verification as well as technical information and judging documents.

Marvin got involved with NCRS and has served as OJ at a number of events. He is active in the Del-Val group as well as our Central NJ group.

Marvin is not married and has lived his whole life in NJ. He now lives in the Annandale-Clinton area.

Stop by and say " Hello"; you will find an interesting guy in Marvin.

Marvin Burock with his 2008 Corvette Z06 and 2002 Ducati MH900e



Woodbridge Car Show

A small group of chapter members attended the Woodbridge Corvette Club's annual classic car show held on October 15th at the Woodbridge Community Center. There were 90 plus cars in attendance including a number of nice Corvettes. This was an opportunity for a number of us to set up a table with our chapter banner to offer information and answer questions about the NCRS for non-NCRS Corvette owners. Included in the day were nice trophies, good food, and a disc jockey playing classic rock for the participants. This was a fun opportunity to give our cars some fresh air and exercise while spreading the word about NCRS.



Annual Holiday Brunch

Thirty-eight chapter members and guests met to celebrate the holiday season at KC Prime in Lawrenceville on Sunday December 10th. The group shared a great buffet and conversation, while generously contributing to our annual Toys for Tots program. The holiday Brunch was the last event of our NCRS season, and it is always a fun way to kick off the holidays.



Holiday Brunch Photos



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Some of the toys collected for Toys for Tots



C2 Judging Clinic Shore Vettes

Howard Welch conducted an interesting C2 judging clinic on chassis at Shore Vettes in Chatsworth, NJ on Saturday November 4th with 17 in attendance. Howard spent the morning reviewing the C2 chassis, using the flight judging manual as a guide, by demonstrating with a recently painted and assembled rolling chassis and his 1967 Duntov coupe as examples. The session took place in Howard's son Patrick's shop. Patrick is the owner of Shore Vettes.



C2 Judging Clinic Photos



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Guest Speakers

Vito invited Joe Tripoli to attend our October meeting and speak to the membership about his book on the Corvette Chassis and other Corvette topics. Joe led a very interesting discussion with questions and answers to follow. He invited the membership to attend a technical session at B&G Automotive in Rahway on Sunday November 12th.



Joe Simon invited Jerry Ambrosi, owner of Master Upholstery in Newton, NJ, to speak to the membership at our November meeting. Jerry has been in the top and interior business for 43 years and has done a number of award winning Corvettes and other classic cars, some Pebble Beach award winners. Jerry led the membership on an interesting discussion with many questions and answers following.



CNJ Members assist the Del-Val Chapter at its annual Run for the Ribbons event in October
Photos courtesy of Pat Fullam



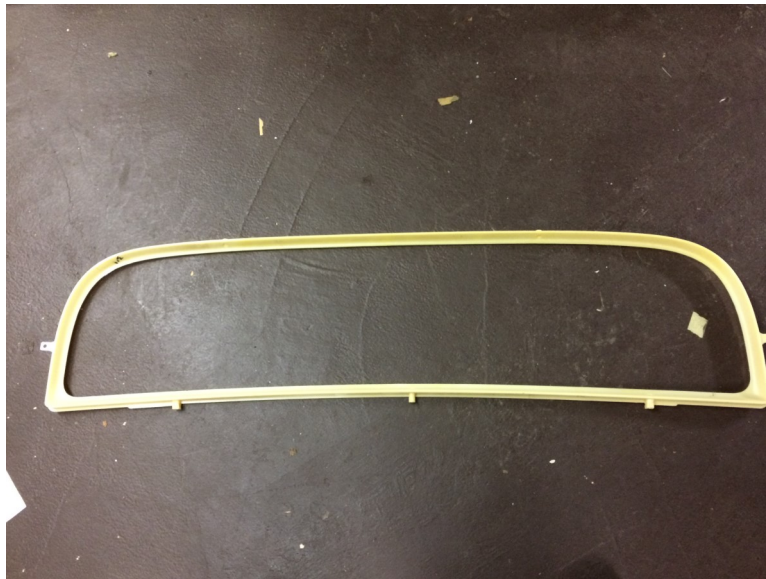
Items for Sale/Wanted

For sale: Car Bag

Used only once for winter storage. It is in like new condition. Fits C2s and maybe other generations. I would like \$150 for the bag. Buyer is responsible for pick up. It is located in Chatham. Contact Frank Monaco at (973) 952-9022 or frank@monacobenefitsgroup.com

For sale: 1973-1977 Rear Window Inside Frame

1973-1977 rear window inside frame. This is to surround and molding for the inside rear window. \$25. Contact Ed DiNapoli at ed72vette@aol.com.



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