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## NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY NORTHEAST CHAPTER



Our Sponsor J.R. Amantea explaining the process of the rear leaf spring restoration to our members.

(left to right) Chairman Robert Amantea, Host J.R. Amantea, Vice Chairman Jay Tansey

**Upcoming Events** 

**Northeast Chapter Spring Meet** 



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### **2017** CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Upcoming Chapter, Regional, and National Events** 

**April 22** Northeast Chapter Spring Meet (rain date, 23)

June 10 Long Island Judging School

June 11 Long Island Meet

June 21-24 Barrett Jackson - Mohegan Sun

Sept 16 Fall Meet (rain date, 17)

## Thoughts: From the Chairman



Well it's another year in the books, the Christmas Party had a larger crowd this year, (46 attended)

We also had a good crowd at the tech session on Dec. 10, look forward to having more this coming year. Please contact me or Mike Lombardi on any subject you would like to see

covered in upcoming sessions.

Our chapter got a thank you letter from the Marine Corps Toys for Tots for the many gifts we delivered. J.R. and I will be going to the auctions in Arizona, next month, it will be interesting to see how the collector car market is going to do based on the election results.

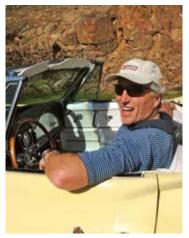
The board wishes all members a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year.

Bob Amantea
Northeast Chapter Chairman

## Treasurer's Report - 11/30/16

Opening balance 2016 was \$4,366.64 Year to date revenue of \$4,165.34 less disbursements of \$4,798.17, leaves a loss of \$632.83 for the 11 months ended 11/30/16 this subtracted from opening balance of \$4,366.64 leaves a cash balance of \$3,733.81.

## Vice Chairman's Report



Winter has finally arrived in the Northeast and fellow Corvette enthusiasts have already put their cars to bed for the next 4 months eagerly awaiting Spring. Back in October, Myself, Angelo Milazzo and JR Amantea attended the Lone Star (Texas) Regional held in Frisco,

Texas at the Embassy Suites Convention Center. The entire show and swap meet was held inside the Facility. The Ballroom was filled to capacity with 92

Total Corvettes prepared for Judging. Included in that total was the popular 1967 Model year group which had 23 Flight Judged cars. As always, the Texas chapter did a phenomenal job organizing this annual event. If this



Regional show is any indication of this Chapter's planning and organizational abilities then The 2017 National Convention held in San Antonio this Summer should be a truly spectacular show. I hope some of our Northeast members are able to attend this National event.

On December 10th, the Northeast Chapter held a Technical session at JR Amantea's GT Motorcars facility in Wallingford, CT. The Tech session explained the various differences,



proper restoration, assembly and installation of both F40, F41 and Standard 1963 to 1969 Corvette rear leaf springs. There was a restored 1969 L88 Corvette that represented an installation of the rear spring with the body on the Chassis and a restored 1965 Corvette bare chassis that the rear leaf spring was installed using only a floor jack and strap. Approximately 28 Northeast Chapter members attended the Tech session and participated in the

discussion. If you have an idea about a possible future Technical session then please forward your thoughts to Bob Amantea or Mike Lombardi for consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe "Jay" Tansey

NCRS #9727

# Pictures - Northeast Chapter Christmas Party, Photos by Drew Papsun December 4, 2016

At this years Christmas party Pete Gereg's daughter Catherine Gereg attended and thanked the National NCRS organization for the college scholarship she received for two years. The scholarship she was awarded was \$1200 per year.

Catherine Gereg attended the University of Connecticut and graduated this year with a Bachelor of Science degree in Bio Medical Engineering and a minor in Material Science Engineering.

The program is open to all members and their children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews. Other members in our chapter might wish to apply. Applications for next year must be postmarked between June 1, 2016 and August 10, 2016. The application form can be found on the NCRS web site under the Foundation section.

#### Members Attending Chrismas Party

Alan Blay	Nancy	Drew Papsun	Joan	Kent Johnson	Clayre
Bill Bachlechner	Susan	Frank Aveni	Kathy	Mike Lombardi	Sandy
Bob Amantea	Joanne	Jay Tansey	Beth	Paul Gruhn	Donna
Bob Dickson	Kay	Jerry Cribbs	Sheryle	Pete Gereg	Karen, May, Catherene
Bob Markowski	Dorthy	Joe Santiso	Huoy	Rich Ferraro	Carol
Charlie Spinaci	Carol	JR Amantea	Maris	Ron Goduti	Kathy
Dave Smith	Cindy	Ken Nelson	Jennine	Steve Van Blarcom	Judy









## Pictures - Northeast Chapter Christmas Party, December 4, 2016

Photos by Drew Papsun













## NCRS NORTHEAST CHAPTER

# **TECHNICAL JUDGING SCHOOL** SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2016



#### 2016 Tech Seminar Attendies

Bob Amantea **Bob Boutot** Bob Dickson Bob Markowski Dave Smith Drew Papsun Frank Aveni Fred Sarbello Gary Covilello Gary Zwacky J.R. Amantea Jay Tansey Jerry Cribbs Jim Duggan Joan Zwacky Joe Santiso Ken Nelson Kent Johnson Mike Lombardi Mike Maciog Rich Magonte Rob Rohloff Ron Goduti Wayne Perreault William Conrad William Schoenberg





# Pictures - Northeast Chapter Technical Photos by Drew Papsun Judging School - December 10, 2016













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### NCRS NORTHEAST CHAPTER MEET

Saturday, April 22, 2017

The Northeast Chapter cordially extends an invitation to all NCRS Members to join us at our 2017 Spring Judging Meet at 2 Christoni Lane, Wallingford, CT.

(Space Is Limited, Register Early)

#### GENERAL MEET INFORMATION JUDGING INFORMATION Bob Amantea Mike Lombardi 203-235-1302 203-525-3501 fuelie64 99@vahoo.com NCRS# (from Driveline Label/NCRS Website) Exp. Date Name: Spouse/Sig. Other Guest(s) State Address: Zip Telephone:(\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ (List the best number to contact you) Email: Registration (\$10)..... Schedule of Events: Flight Judging (\$75) ..... Saturday - 7:00 AM - Judges Breakfast Sportsman/Founders Display (\$15) 7:30 AM - Registration Opens 8:15 AM - Judges/Owners Meeting Duntov/McLellan/Hill/Bowtie/ Crossed Flags Display......NC 8:30 AM - Judging Begins Yes. I would like to join the Northeast Chapter 12:00 PM - Lunch (Thru 12/31/17) (\$35) \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 PM - Judging Completed - Awards Presentation Total \_\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_ Judged Entry: Year \* VIN \*Build Date \* Paint Code \*Trim Code \*Body Number Engine HP Ext. Color Int. Color Fabric Coupe/Conv \*1963-1996 Information Obtained From Vehicle Trim Tag and/or VIN Tag/Service ID Label Will you be a Judge? Yes No Preference: Ops, Int, Ext, Mech, Chassis (Circle Preference) Judging level \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate your Judging Choices with a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Judging classes below: 53-55 56-57 58-60 61-62 63-64 65 66 67 68-69 70-72 73-77 78-82 84-86 87-89 90-93 94-96 97-99 99-99 84-86 \_\_ \*Proof of ownership in your name (Title or State Registration or Bill of Sale) and Proof of in-force liability insurance with your cars VIN# and exp. date must accompany this registration form. Owners not complying cannot have their car judged or displayed. If using USPS, make checks payable to: NCRS Northeast Chapter. Send completed application, with Proof of Insurance and Ownership, and check to: NCRS Northeast Chapter Meet, c/o Mike Lombardi, 58 Meadowcrest Lane, Watertown, CT 06796 NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Hold Harmless Agreement: I AGREE to insure my vehicle(s) and property against loss, damage, and liability, and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at registration. I AGREE to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees, chapters, and this Event at 2 Christoni Lane, for any acts or omissions that may result in theft, damage, or destruction of my property or injury to me or others during, or as a consequence of this event. I AGREE to abide by the NCRS Policy on Drugs and Alcohol (revised 2006). The use of drugs or alcohol by anyone attending an NCRS event including NCRS members, family members, guests, and vendors is prohibited while participating in any driving tests and/or road tours. Auto insured with: Policy #: Exp. Date:

#### **Ivan Chasnoff Goes to NCRS - By Les Browne**



In September Ivan took Baby, his nickname for his '63 Split Window Coupe, to the local NCRS judging being held in Meriden. By the end of the day he was awarded a 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight Ribbon. But this story begins several years ago. While attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the '63 Corvettes at Corvettes at Carlisle in 2013, Ivan found a copy of the NCRS judging manual as he walked through the Swap Meet area. Since buying the car a little over 16 years ago he knew that he did not have a numbers-matching car but he always wondered exactly what he had. He knew, if nothing else, that he had a survivor; that this car had never been restored. Over the years he paged through the manual, reading different sections and then comparing them to Baby.

This spring, after hearing other Club members talk about their experiences when having their cars judged, Ivan decided it was time to have Baby judged. Using the judging manual as a guide, he started checking the operational items on the check list such as lights, wipers, horn and an assortment of other electrical components.

In early September he asked a few Club members to come over to his home to inspect Baby. So early on the morning of Sept. 12 the Club Corvette of CT NCRS judging team met in Hamden. The team consisted of Ron Goldberg (our chief judge), Mike D'Avino, George Macary, and myself. As is our tradition when starting any activity, the meeting began in Ivan's kitchen eating pastries and drinking coffee. Once this ritual had been completed we all adjourned to the garage to begin the inspection. Ron took his seat in the front of the car with the judging manual in hand. I was asked to get into the car to operate the functions that would be tested. Ivan, George, and Mike took up their positions at different spots under the hood. After a basic walk-through of the electrical system we found several issues such as directional and stop lights that were not working correctly. So the team began to trouble-shoot the wiring system. We found a deadshort which was traced back to the starter so that was changed out and a new battery was installed. The inspection continued until all of the items on the judging sheet had been looked at and corrected when possible. In the end we recognized that the elephant in the room was that the non-original engine made Baby a non-numbers matching car. Ivan was OK with this; what he really wanted to know was exactly what he had.

The official NCRS judging day began early on Saturday, Sept. 17, and Ivan had to be on the judging field by 8:00 a.m. or he would have been disqualified. Upon his arrival he was greeted by the NCRS team. His first reaction was how welcome he felt. That day six cars would be judged; 1-C1 and 5-C2's. Of the six cars, Baby was the only car driven to the judging and it was the only unrestored car on the field; the rest were trailer-queens. Again, like most Corvette events, the day started with "coffee an" along with some light conversation about the day's activities.

There were five NCRS judging teams - one for each of the areas being judged: Engine, Interior, Exterior, Under-Carriage and Operational. Each car owner was told that each team would spend 45 minutes with each car. The drivers realized that this was going to be a very long day. Rather quickly, a C2 '63 Fuelie was disqualified; the judges determined that his trim tag was counterfeit. The driver's first comment was that the value of his car had just fallen from \$150K to \$100K.

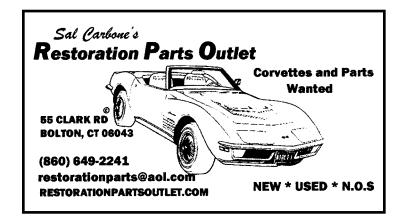
After an exhausting eight hour day in which the only break was a one hour lunch break, the judging was over and Ivan felt a sense of relief. When he had arrived and saw the five trailer-queens, Ivan had felt a little intimidated. But several times throughout the day different judges told him how special his car was, even though Baby was not a numbers matching car. This made him feel really good. When asked what his best memory was of that day he said it was how welcome and comfortable the NCRS team made him feel.

Then there was an unexpected ending of the day when Ivan's name was called and he was awarded a 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight ribbon! This made him feel he belonged and as if he were a Top Flight award winner. He was on Cloud Nine!

All-in-all it was a very good day.



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