



**MASON DIXON Blue and Gray  
Summer & Fall / 2024**

~Member ~ National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS)

- ~ NCRS CHAPTER TOP FLIGHT AWARD ~ Former Winners for Nineteen  
Consecutive Years
- ~ NCRS & Mason Dixon Activities ~ Judging Events – Rallyes – Drags –  
Cruisin' Nights – Day Trips - Banquets – Weekend Outings -
- ~ *Charities ~ Support numerous Charities throughout the Great State of  
Maryland*

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## **Chairman's Report**

### **Mel Lorden**

Hello Fellow Mason Dixon Chapter Members!

I'd like to thank all the members who attended Corvettes at Carlisle this year and stopped by the Chapter tent to say HI. I got to meet a lot of members and look forward to seeing more of you next year.

Today, September 7, we had the Members Annual paid luncheon and had a very nice turnout. If it wasn't for the rain, the 10 of us who brought our Corvettes would have had a perfect day. Maybe next time the weather will be cooperate!

We had a General Meeting prior to the lunch and discussed several items. One of which was to introduce our new chapter social committee. The committee is made up of Rona Blumenthal, Sue Berkman, Irina Minevich and Elana Katz. I thank them for volunteering and getting involved. Anyone else who is interested in joining the social committee, please let me know.

Also, I had the privilege of presenting the Member of the Year award (for 2023) to Greg Connelly. I apologize the award was a little late, but Greg was not at the Fall Dinner and I wanted to present the award to him personally. Greg has been an active member for many years and always gives his time and garage for judging events and pre-judging activities..

Another item covered was Member Dues which will now be \$45. The increase was necessary to offset the fees charged by PayPal when members make their electronic payments. Those paying by check will also pay the new dues of \$45.

Please mark your calendars for NOVEMBER 16, 2024. The Fall Dinner will be held this year at the Olive Grove, 705 N. Hammonds Ferry Road, Linthicum Heights, MD. 21090. The menu will be your choice of Lasagna, Shrimp Orleans, Single Crab Cake, New York Strip Steak, Egg Plant Parmesan, or CHICKEN MARSALA. This includes salad, bread sticks, soda, coffee, iced tea, dessert and appetizers. The price will be \$50 per person and more details will be sent out shortly.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of the Chapter.

Sincerely,  
Mel Lorden, Chapter Chairman  
Mason Dixon Chapter, NCRS

## **Vice Chairman's Report**

### **Rick Aleshire**

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

Well, a big old howdy to the Mason Dixon family from your vice chairman! I hope everyone continues to provide support to the BoD. We really do need the Mason Dixon family to really dig deep within yourself and step forward to help the new social activities committee take control of our social activities! The committee has put together several upcoming events; sought members thoughts at the recent cruise-in – ya'll attended, correct?

Mason Dixon members turned out in number for both Corvette at Carlisle; numerous NCRS local and Regional events; and a huge contingent attended the NCRS National at Hampton Roads, VA!

Well, keep on driving those Corvettes, as sitting around both for cars and people is not good!

**REMEMBER** – this is your Chapter and only succeeds with each and everyone providing the support!

Hope to see you soon.....Thank you, Vice Chairman, Rick

Chapter Newsletter Editors were asked to post the following by National

## **Support the NCRS Foundation**

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NCRS Foundation Scholarship Program**  
*<https://www.ncrs.org/foundation/>*

### **Treasurer's Report Ed Ranier**

The current, adjusted balance, as of August 31, 2024 shows that we have \$11,002.45 in the checking account. In addition, we invested \$10,000 into a one-year CD on December 5, 2023. We have outstanding checks written in September. Thanks, Ed

### **Recording Secretary's Report Rosemary Ranier**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Berkshire Hathaway Office, 53 Aylesbury Road,  
Timonium, MD 21093 at 6pm  
Wednesday, August 13, 2024**

**Present were:** Mel Lorden, Chairman, Rick Aleshire, Vice Chairman, Edward Ranier, Treasurer, Rosemary Ranier, Secretary, Glenn Gitschier, Membership Chair, Jerry Blumenthal, Historian, Ira Katz, and Elana Katz (by phone) members.

**Call to Order:** 6:10pm

**Treasurer:** Ed Ranier advised that we have \$10,937.75 in the treasury and another \$10,000 in a one year certificate that comes due December 1, 2024. There are a few outstanding checks.

**Membership:** Glenn Gitschier said that we have 101 members.

**Social Committee:** Elana Katz will be coordinating the new Social Committee, formed after the Social Chairman resigned. The Committee is looking into new activities and events, including car shows, wineries, entertainment.

- Elana will be presenting a list of activities at the member's paid up luncheon meeting on September 7, 2024.
- Member's paid up luncheon will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at the Stonebridge Grill.
- It was announced that our Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024.
- There will be another Smyth Car Show on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 10am to 3pm.
- The club will once again participate in East coast Indoor Nationals Motorama Show at the Timonium Fairgrounds on. December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Historian:** Jerry Blumenthal recommended that we go to the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage in Allentown, PA

**Chairman:** Mel Lorden recommended that we raise our dues from \$40 a year to \$45.

- Mel also asked the Board to think about whether they wanted to include other charities for our yearly donation.

**Vice Chairman:** Rick Aleshire reported on the NCRS 50th Anniversary National Convention in Hampton Roads, VA on August 4th through the 8th, 2024. There were 167 cars there. We had about 20 members from our Chapter attend. Mike Levitas, Bill Shepherd and Dennis Metzger all received Top Flight awards.

Next Board Meeting will be in September. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Ranier  
Recording Secretary

**Web site:** [www.NCRS.org/masondixon](http://www.NCRS.org/masondixon)

### **Membership Chairman's Report**

Glenn Gitschier

As of 9-4-24 we have 102 Chapter members in good standing. Our newest members are Bill and Jodi Sheppard 7-9-24 and Jay and Sharon Maxwell 7-18-24. Welcome to all!

It is very **IMPORTANT** that you notify the National and our Chapter if you change your email address. The National NCRS sends out reminder emails several months before the expiration date, so **PLEASE** don't ignore these reminders. Update ALL of your NCRS contact information online at:

**<https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/change-address.php>**

I have also been sending emails and calling members if I see your National NCRS membership is going to expire within one month. Contact me (410-688-7329) if you want to know when your National NCRS membership expires. You must be a current member of National NCRS to remain a member of Mason Dixon. Also, if anyone is ever interested in knowing how many judging points you have, well I can now check that for you - just ask. Thanks, Glenn

### **Judging Chairman's Report**

**Gus Tsamouras**

Hello Chapter Members,

I would like to start off by saying what an honor it is to be Chapter Judging Chairman of this NCRS Chapter. I obviously have huge shoes to fill following Rick Aleshire.

Our Chapter had a fantastic judging year! We had a very successful event at Ron Adams Chevrolet on April 7 with a total of 15 cars either being judged or on display! We had many of our existing members and new members achieving various awards. Pictures were provided in prior newsletter and can be viewed on the website.

We had an event at Tony's Corvette shop on July 14 with four cars and had multiple Chapter members who Top Flighted; we also had a well attended judging school. Many Thanks to Tony Avedisian for the use of his facility.





The National Convention was in Virginia and was fantastic this year. There were many exhibits, speakers, and social events. I was honored to accept the Chapter of the year award for our chapter. We had a huge Mason Dixon Chapter presence and it was great spending time with our members. We had many members who achieved Top Flight Awards and even Duntov Awards. All the awards / pictures were posted in a recent Restorer Magazine.

I have posted many pictures on our Facebook page and also tried to distribute them to our members.

I wish everyone a great fall; stay tuned for various judging schools and events I will be scheduling.

Gus Tsamouras  
Mason Dixon Judging Chairman.

## Social Activities Committee Report

**Elana Katz**

Mason Dixon had a very successful car cruise in September from Hunt Valley to Stonebridge Restaurant for a delicious lunch and informative general meeting. We had a wonderful afternoon. Several members returned the suggested activities list and a car cruise with lunch was very popular.

### Upcoming events:

- **Smyth car show** - October 26, 2024 10 AM- 3 PM  
2020 York Road Timonium 21093 Awards for Top 20. No registration fee.  
*Rain date: November 02, 2024.*
- **NCRS Car cruise Hoss's Restaurant and lunch** - Sunday, November 3  
1140 York Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.  
*Please RSVP no later than October 20 to Elana Katz (Elanakatz121@gmail.com)*
- **Corvette Weekend in Ocean City MD** - November 8/9 2024.  
Registration is open. The Grand Hotel on 21st street is the host hotel. There is a dinner at the hotel on Saturday. For details and registration go to: [www.corvetteweekend.com](http://www.corvetteweekend.com)
- *There may be a Friday night get together for cocktails/dinner at a local OC restaurant. Stay tuned...*
- **Mason Dixon Semi-Annual Dinner** - Saturday, November 16, 2024  
Olive Grove Restaurant – 6:00 p.m. 705 N Hammonds Ferry Rd Linthicum Heights, MD 21090  
\$50 per person includes tax and gratuity.  
Appetizers, Salad, Dessert, soft drinks, coffee/tea are included. Cash bar will be available. Details regarding pre order of dinner entree forthcoming. The committee is working on baskets to be raffled off at the dinner. If you would like to contribute, please contact  
*Rona Blumenthal(ronablumenthal@hotmail.com) or Elana Katz (elanakatz121@gmail.com)*

So come to the next dinner and help support the Chapter! If you have any idea's or fun things you would like to do or any place you would like to go please call or email any BoD member so we can put it on the calendar.

### REMEMBER IT'S YOUR CLUB!

#### Historian's Report

**Jerry Blumenthal**

Folks, we really do need everyone's help here! If you have any pictures, stories, etc. to share with us all, please let Jerry or any of the BoD know.

#### Social Media Coordinator's Report

**Rocco Baldino**

Folks, as the social media coordinator I would like to get any comments, suggestions, etc. on the layout of the Facebook, website, etc. Send everything to me at - [rbaldinojr@gmail.com](mailto:rbaldinojr@gmail.com)

Again, as other BoD members have stated, this is your Chapter and our social media presence is no different. I will work to provide the information you need / want, but need to know. Thanks, Rocky



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**Troubleshoot Air / Fuel Mixture Problem - 1970 454 Corvette**  
**Louis Tassara, NCRS#62666**

Well, my lovely wife and I drove the Corvette and we noticed some hesitation when leaving the driveway. After returning from our jaunt to a local burger joint, I decided the next morning, I would need to put skills to the test!

After warming the beast up, I proceeded to adjust the two screws on the carburetor. You turn the screws clockwise on most carbs to lean it out until it starts to stumble and misfire due to being too lean, and then you turn the screw minutely counter clockwise a bit at a time and let the engine catch up. As soon as it smooths back out, turn the screw a hair clockwise again and move on to the next screw. I lean against the car with my leg and torso, and get a 'feel' for how the car's running. It's a learned skill/perception, accomplished through practice and experience. Like fly fishing....there is a finesse involved!



Buttoned everything up and took a quick spin – **JOB WELL DONE!!!!!!**

## KOMEDY CORNER

### Some Short Funny Jokes.....

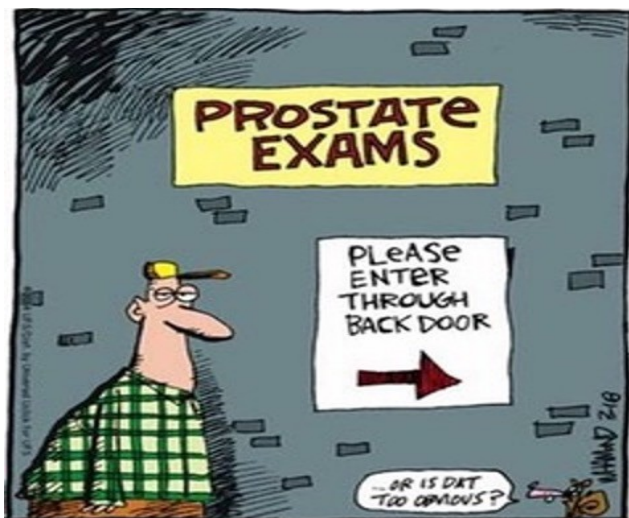
1. I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. She gave me a hug.
2. Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet,
3. I'm reading a book on anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down!
4. Why don't skeletons fight each other? They don't have the guts.
5. I used to play piano by ear, but now I use my hands.
6. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's really uplifting!
7. Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field!
8. I told my computer I needed a break and now it won't stop giving me Kit Kats.
9. Why was the math book sad? Because it had too many problems.
10. I used to be a baker, but I couldn't make enough dough.

### Wake up and laugh

"...and a diet coke please."



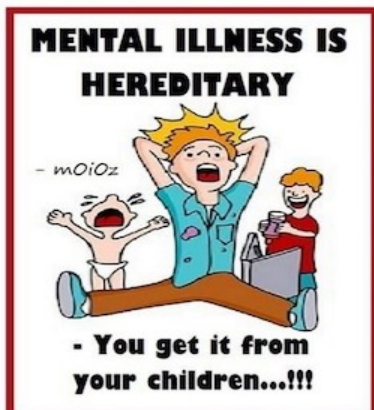
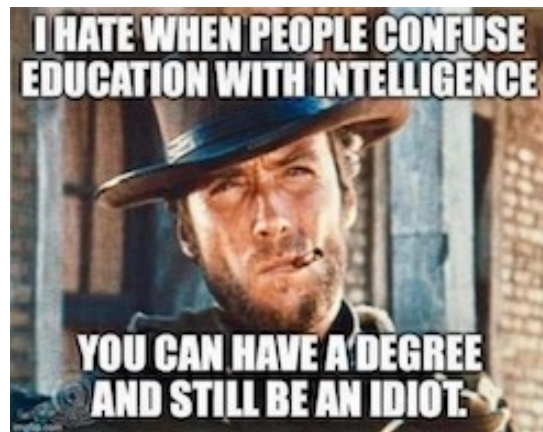
The Black Eyed Peas can sing us a tune, but the chick peas can only hummus one. 41



The Professor started the class by telling them, "In Veterinary medicine it is necessary to have two important qualities as a doctor. The first is that you not be disgusted by anything involving an animal's body." For an example, the professor pulled back the sheet, stuck his finger into the butt of the cow, withdrew it, and stuck his finger in his mouth. "Go ahead and do the same thing," he told his students.

The students freaked out, hesitated for several minutes, but eventually took turns sticking a finger in the butt of the dead cow and, sucked on it.....followed by assorted gagging, retching and spitting, etc.

When everyone had finished wiping their faces, the Professor looked at them and said, "The second most important quality is observation. I stuck in my middle finger and sucked on my index finger. Now learn to pay attention. Life is tough but it's even tougher if you're stupid."



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