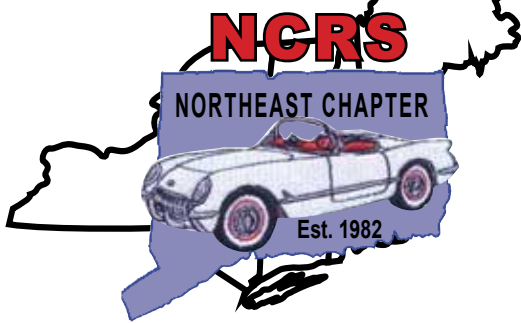


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Results of our Fall Meet

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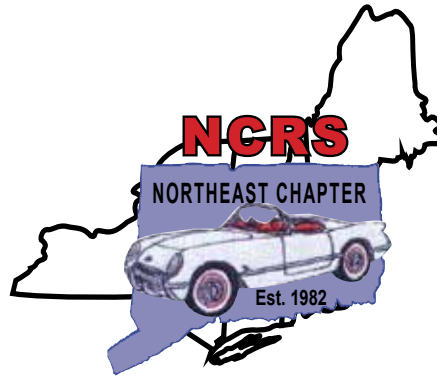
90 - Mike Begin, 57 - Bill Conrad, 93 - Richard Wasserback, 90 - Ken Nelson,
66 - Steve Quantrocelli, 95- John Russo, 96 - Paul Gruhn, 54 - Bob Triantafillos,
63 - Angelo Milazzo, 65 - Jim Sabia, 72 - Mike Gan

Spring Judging Meet - May 15, 2016 (see page 22)



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We want to welcome Mike Lombardi to the Northeast Chapter Officers Board as the new Vice Judging Chairman. Mike will be working with Drew Papsun, giving Drew some well deserved help.

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2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming Chapter, Regional, and National Events

May 15 **Northeast Chapter Spring Judging Meet**

TBA **Judging School and General Membership Meeting**

Thoughts: From the Chairman



First let me wish everyone a very Happy New Year. We all have many things to be thankful for our families, our health, and our friendships.

As many of you may know at our general membership meeting on Saturday, December 5, 2015 we discussed hosting a Regional Meet in September of 2018 at the Connecticut Convention Center with the host hotel being the Marriott in Hartford. We welcomed your ideas, opinions and offers of participation on a planning committee.

Rob Rohloff is to be commended for all of the research, time and work he has put into planning this Regional Meet. We all thank him for his effort.

The Board has had many meetings with many differing opinions as to how to proceed.

Everyone on the Board had a chance to voice their opinions and vote. We ended up with a 4 yes vote and a 4 vote no vote.

The concerns were that we would have to guarantee the estimated number of rooms and if they were not all used we would have to pay for them. Another concern was the number of tasks and work assignments associated with this Regional Meet. Being a small chapter, do we have the manpower to physically put on this event? Do we have enough money in the treasury to pay for the upfront expenses? Also, another concern is that we do not know what our economy will be like in 3 years and there is no way to know how many people will attend the Regional Meet.

Having a Regional Meet in this area is expensive. The base charge for the Convention Center is \$10,000 with a guarantee of \$18,000 plus 20% service charge plus tax for food. In addition there was a charge for using the parking lot for trailer parking. One of our main concerns was the unforeseen expenses we would be responsible for.

Unfortunately, the National Organization of NCRS does not contribute any financial support to the local chapters; therefore my concern was that these unforeseen and unknown expenses could possibly cause our chapter to go bankrupt.

Given these concerns Ron Goldberg is to be thanked for looking into an insurance policy that would cover us in case of termination of our contracts. It was not possible to get such a policy but we appreciate his time and efforts.

Since the vote by the Board was not unanimous in favor of having the Regional Meet in Hartford, it has been placed on the back burner along with some other suggested places for future consideration in 2018.

It is my hope that we can get over our differences of opinions and continue to work together for the betterment of our Northeast Chapter.

Happy New Year!

Jerry

Northeast Chapter Fall Meet – Secretary's Report

The Northeast Chapter had its fall meet on September 27, 2015, at Crosspointe Exotics, 50 Waterbury Road in Prospect, CT. Bob Skrip and Mark Guastaferrri hosted the event. They have a large facility with plenty of parking for all the corvettes. The weather was perfect all day for judging. Judges and cars to be judged started arriving early, and by 8:15 all cars to be judged were present and lined up by the side of the garage. Jerry Cribbs, the chapter chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30, at which time 41 NCRS members were in attendance. Fourteen Northeast Chapter members brought their corvettes to the meet and another 6 had their corvettes judged. Present from outside the Northeast Chapter were judges from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. Jerry gave overall instructions on the judging and Drew gave out the judging assignments and assigned the team leaders. Ron Goduti reminded everyone of the upcoming vineyard run on 10/18. The formal judging started at 9:00. There were 10 corvettes to be judged for Flight awards from the model years: 1954, 1957, 1963, 1965, 1966, two 1990s, 1993, 1995 and a 1996. There was a 1972 on 4 Star Bowtie display. A photo and list of award winners are included in this newsletter, along with the list of judges. There were donuts and coffee available all morning and at noon a pizza lunch which was enjoyed by all. Judging was completed by 2:30 followed shortly thereafter by the presentation of awards.

Rob Rohloff – Secretary



Treasurer's Report - 11/30/15

Opening balance for 2015 was \$5,138.58. Year to date revenue of \$3,310.45 less disbursements of \$3,576.71 leaves a loss of \$266.26 for the 11 months ended 11/30/15. This subtracted from the opening balance of \$5,138.58 leaves a cash balance of \$4,872.32.

Bill Bachlechner, Treasurer

Results from our Fall Meet

Flight Awards

1954 Bob Triantafillos	Oxford, CT	Top Flight
1957 Bill Conrad	Wrentham, MA	Top Flight
1963 Angelo Milazzo	Greenwich, CT	Top Flight
1965 Jim Sabia	Wappingers Falls, NY	Top Flight
1966 Steve Quatrocelli	Ellington, CT	Top Flight
1990 Ken Nelson	Farmington, CT	Top Flight
1990 Michael Begin	Prospect, CT	Top Flight
1993 Richard Wasserback	Southington, CT	Top Flight
1995 John Russo	Glastonbury, CT	Top Flight
1996 Paul Gruhn	East Windsor, CT	Top Flight

Bowtie Display and Sportman

1972 Mike Gan	Ellington, CT	4 Star Bowtie
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Judges and Tabulators at our Fall Meet

Judges

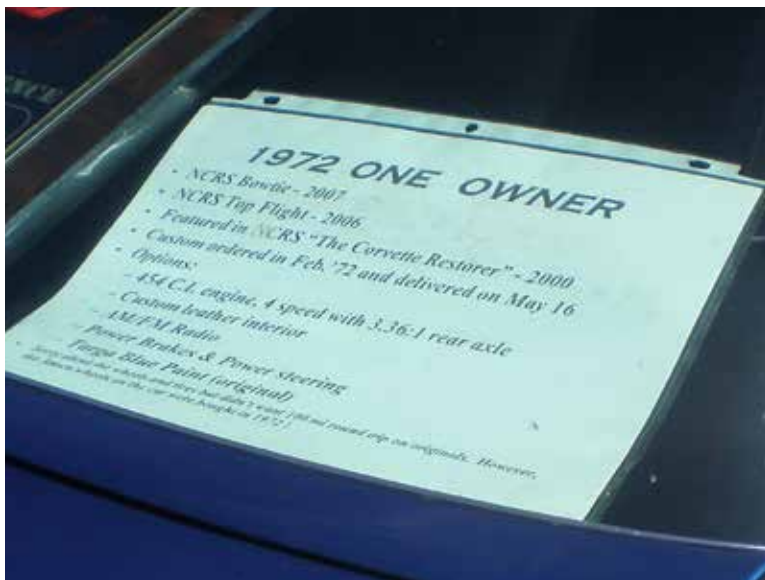
Frank Aveni	Woodbridge, CT
Bill Bachlechner	Trumbull, CT
Bob Berloni	East Hampton, CT
Bob Boutot	Wolcott, CT
Vin Capone	Warwick, RI
Al Corelli	Mamaroneck, NY
Bruce Crookham	Wycombe, PA
Jerry Cribbs	Cheshire, CT
Bob Dance	Greenwich, CT
Bob Dickson	Plantsville, CT
Jim Duggan	Ridgefield, CT
Rich Ferraro	Killingworth, CT
Ron Goduti	North Haven, CT
Ron Goldberg	Orange, CT
Gerald House	South Windsor, CT
John Jabour	Sayville, NY
Joel Junokas	Higganum, CT
Mike Maciog	Derby, CT
Bob Markowski	East Haven, CT
Angelo Milazzo	Greenwich, CT
Drew Papsun	Norwalk, CT
Robert Rohloff	Bethany, CT
Mark Rudnick	Lawrenceville, NJ
Eileen Russo	Glastonbury, CT
John Russo	Glastonbury, CT
Joe Santiso	West Haven, CT
Fred Sarbello	Ridgefield, CT
Dave Smith	Southington, CT
Jay Tansey	Southbury, CT
Gary Zawacki	Ridgefield, CT

Tabulators

Ceil Junokas	Higganum, CT
Phyllis Rohloff	Bethany, CT

Pictures - From our Fall Meet - Sep 27

Photos by Ron Goldberg



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NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY

Board of Directors Meeting

Frisco, Texas

October 22, 2015

NCRS Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 7:05 AM CDT

Present were:

Mike Ingham, Bill Baker, Bill Braun, Vito Cimilluca (via phone), Dave Ewan, John Paul Nelson, Paul Oslansky, Mike Sams (via phone), Mark Tulley, Mark Lincoln, John Tidwell

- 1. Dave Ewan Presented a Proposal for 2017 Regional by the Pittsburg Tri-State Chapter for August 10-12, 2015.**
 - a. Dave Ewan moved, and Bill Baker seconded, to approve the proposal.
 - i. Passed: 9 for, none against.
- 2. Mark Lincoln, Dave Ewan, and Mark Tulley Updated the Status of the 2016 Rhode Island Convention planning.**
- 3. Dave Ewan and Gary Chestnut Updated the Status of the 2017 Convention planning for San Antonio, Texas.**
- 4. Mike Ingham Reported that Tom Barr Provided Information for Possible 2018 Convention at South Point Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada.**
 - a. Spokane, Washington off the table as new Chapter officers not interested.
- 5. Mike Sams and Toni Sams Working on 2018 Regional and 2019 National Convention Proposals for Savannah, Georgia.**
- 6. Dave Ewan Updated Proposed Revision to International Membership.**
 - a. International rate is \$70 to join + renewal.
 - b. Discussion of Electronic Driveline.
 - i. More information needed re: savings of printing Driveline and cost of mailing Restorer separately to international members.
 - ii. Tabled for more data.
- 7. Paul Oslansky reported that the Lake Erie Chapter merged with the Heart of Ohio Chapter.**
 - a. Treasury funds also transferred.
 - b. Lake Erie website sending inquiries to Heart of Ohio site.
- 8. Mark Lincoln Reported on Status of the Majestic Estate.**
 - a. NCRS in line to receive proceeds from pay-on-death accounts of Don Majestic, a long time member.
 - i. Will left remainder of financial estate to the local Catholic Church.
 - b. Vito suggested funds go to the NCRS Foundation.
 - c. At this time, no estimate of gift amount.
- 9. Mark Lincoln Provided an Update on Financial Officer Position Posting.**
 - a. At this time there have been two inquiries and only one application, by John Tidwell.
 - b. Applications are due by November 1, 2015.

The next Board meeting will be held in March, 2016 in Indianapolis, Indiana. John Tidwell will supply the details at the appropriate time.

Dave Ewan moved, and Bill Baker seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Passed: 9 for, None against.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 AM CDT.

(Minutes recorded by Mark Tulley)

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Colvin

NCRS Secretary

Northeast Chapter Fall Foliage Run

The Northeast Chapter of NCRS had their Fall Foliage Run on Sunday, October 18, 2015. The members met at 11:00 in a commuter parking lot in North Haven and then drove to Haight-Brown Vineyard in Litchfield CT. After the wine tasting they drove by caravan to Mirabell's Italian Restaurant in Prospect for dinner. After dinner the members and guests drove home just as the sun was about to set at 5:00.

Pictures - From the Fall Foliage Run - Oct 18

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NORTHEAST CHAPTER of NCRS

2016 DUES NOTICE

FOR RENEWAL AND/OR NEW MEMBERS

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RENEWAL _____ NEW MEMBER _____

IF YOU ARE IN THE NCRS JUDGING PROGRAM, WHAT IS YOUR JUDGING LEVEL? _____ (EXAMPLE: XX.X)

DUES FOR 2016 WILL BE THIRTY-FIVE (\$35.00) DOLLARS. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU FILL OUT THE ABOVE FORM WHETHER YOU REMIT AT THE NEXT MEETING OR BY MAIL. THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL KEEP OUR MAILING LIST CURRENT AND OUR DUES-PAID RECORDS ACCURATE. WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO E-MAIL YOU NOTICES FOR MEETS, EVENTS AND QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NEC-NCRS

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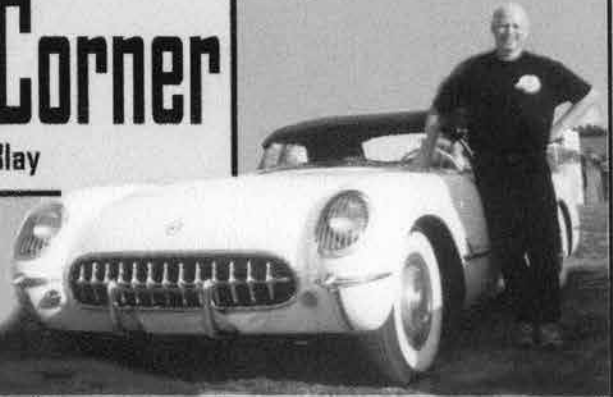
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If you know someone interested in joining our NCRS Chapter, give them this application. Tell them they first have to join the National NCRS. To do this, go to www.NCRS.org.

The Six Cylinder Corner

by Alan Blay



CHEVROLET DID NOT SELL THEM ALL

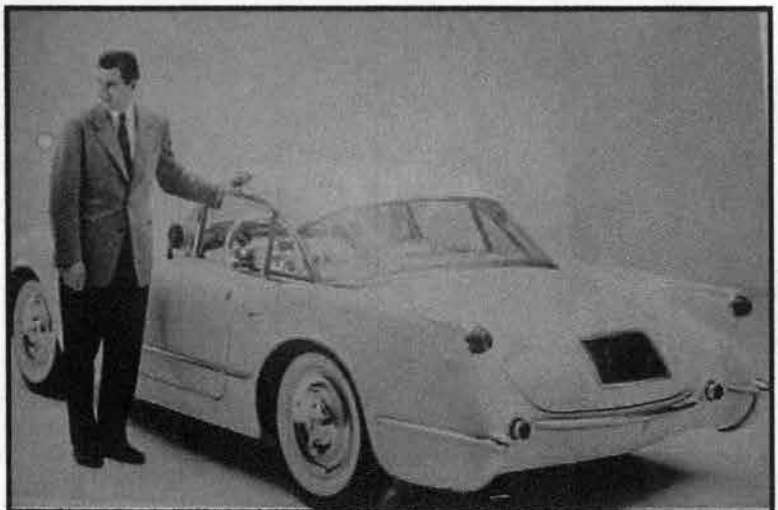
One thing to keep in mind, the Corvette never was referred to by a model year in advertising or promotion until 1956. It was always Corvette, until the new body style emerged late at Chevrolet dealers on January 11, 1956.

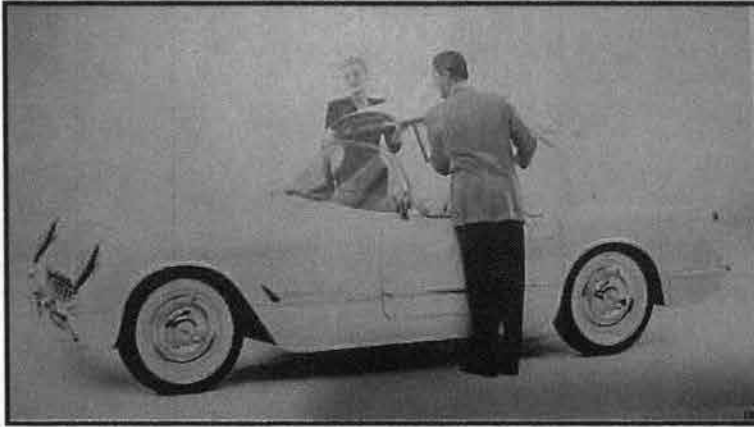
The 300 Corvettes with 1953 serial numbers were all assembled in Flint, Michigan from June 30 thru December 24, 1953, and all were delivered to Chevrolet dealers and sold to special order people. That is not exactly true, and due to my acquiring period published information, the more accurate story is more like the following.



1953 was a test assembly and sales experiment. Of the 300 jobs assembled, about 250 were sold thru Chevrolet dealers as new purchases. All of these jobs were actually pre sold months before, most just after the 1953 New York City Motorama in January. The original owner of car #174, written about 6 years ago in this column, has the \$25 deposit receipt dated January 26, 1953, but delivery was not achieved until December 2, 1953. A letter I found written in 1958 about car #149 to Chevrolet asking about total production of the Corvette had a reply that this Corvette was shipped to the selling dealer on November 13, 1953. More on this Corvette in a future article. Also, several years ago I found a magazine article about the press party to debut the Corvette on September 28, 1953, and the journalist stated that just 38 jobs had been assembled, with some one dozen available for the press to drive that day. Finally, from information in the last issue, the article I wrote of the legal case Wall v Lunn, just two days after the Sept 28 Press party, on Sept 30 Jim Lunn of Lunn Laminates and Robert Morrison of MFG were preparing for the production of thousands of Corvette bodies for the 1954 calendar year, when barely 40 Corvettes had been assembled from this new material.

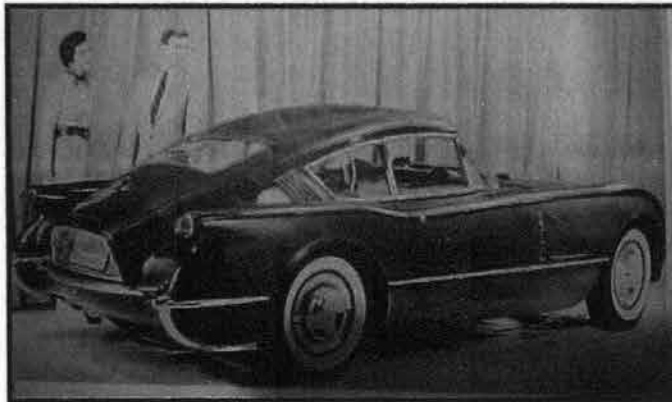
Of the 50 1953 jobs that were not **ORIGINALLY** sold to a retail customer, some of them were #050, which was used to make the 1956 design model, #056 which had the steel hood, and #260, which was the removable 1956 hardtop prototype. An April, 1954 magazine article features this 1953 Corvette, and they also illustrate other styling exercises. Not proven to date, are that #001 and #002 were the two Motorama cars, and which 1953 models were used for the Corvair, Nomad, or any





other later Motorama cars. Keep in mind the only Motorama design vehicle to ever reach production was the Corvette, and Cadillac Eldorado Brougham. The Corvette would lend itself to Motorama shapes like the Pontiac Bonneville and Club De Mer. The point is, part of manufacturing is how to assemble, prepare and deliver a vehicle to a customer, so you assemble 300 jobs and sell 250 to selected customers, and have the staff of promotional people like three time Indianapolis 500 winner Mauri Rose deliver some. The remaining 50 will be used for engineering, styling and design. They may even have a Shop Order Number or Experimental Number assigned in

addition to the Vehicle Identification Number. Also keep in mind Harley Earl was hired to build special body vehicles for General Motors in 1927, when he styled the LaSalle, and the Art and Color Studio established in 1950 was to compete with specialty automobile body companies like Judkins, Murphy, Bohman and Schwartz and many others who built special bodies for Packard, Duesenberg, Cadillac and others in earlier years.



My column about three years ago entitled The Apprentice, was about Roy Jaffe, who worked under Harley Earl. At age 24, he helped bring the Buick LeSabre to Watkins Glen in 1951 to display the car to those involved in the Grand Prix race. This display gave Harley Earl the initial inspiration for the Corvette. Jaffe was hired in 1949 to sketch, and one of his sketches was chosen by Mr Earl to be used for the 1953 Oldsmobile. Harley Earl was inspired by aircraft, to design tail fins; stripper Dagmar, to design bullet bumpers, also singer Al Jolson, to know his audience and give the public what they wanted; and film moogle Cecil B DeMille, to create a spectacular achievement.



Building the Corvette out of fiberglass gave Harley Earl the material needed to use these production jobs to make other design studies. Like plywood, used by the Ames family to make their chairs, organic design with fiberglass helped create automobile designs resembling living things, and also were biomorphic, in that they could be contoured to the shape of the human body. The 1953 Corvettes pulled from Plant #35 in Flint and not chosen to be sold went to engineering laboratories or styling studios. After usage, many were not in a condition to be sold and were scrapped.

Several 1954 Corvettes had the same disposition. The marketing and assembling of these jobs from the St Louis, MO plant had many Shop Order and Experimental Order numbers assigned in addition to the Vehicle Identification Number. Since fiberglass is a great material to build from, the logic is to pull jobs from the assembly line and send them to engineering or styling.

As more material is available, I hope to prove the disposition of some more of these 1953 and 1954 Corvettes which were not sold to the motoring public. This is why all 300 1953 Corvettes will never be accounted for legitimately, and speculation drives interest, which drives the hobby of collecting Corvettes.

NORTHEAST CHAPTER SPRING MEET

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Rain Date: TBA

Mark Your Calendar!

The Place is: **Street Rod Steve's Garage**
2 Christoni Lane, Wallingford, CT 06492

The Hosts are: **Steve Van Blarcom & John Bellmore, Jr.**

YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND THIS MEET. NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A REGISTRATION. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF NCRS TO ATTEND. Cars must be on the judging field by 8:00 am.

If you register a car to be judged, you will be required to judge or tabulate.

From New Haven:

Take Route 15 North to Exit 65. At stop sign bear left, at traffic light take right onto Hall Ave. At next traffic light turn left onto Washington St. Around the #445 block make right onto Christoni Lane.

From Hartford:

Take Route 15 South to Exit 66. Take left at end of ramp onto Route 5 South. Look for MacDonald's & #604 N. Colony Rd. (Route 5) on your right. Make right turn onto N. Plains Highway and go over railroad tracks. Make immediate left at N. Cherry St. Ext. at corner make right. Steve's garage is on right.

Mail to: Jerry Cribbs, 351 Wood Pond Road, Cheshire, CT 06410; (203) 272-4651

This is a one day event, lunch will be provided.

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Address _____

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- () Registration/Includes spouse or guest \$10
- () Late Fee, After April. 30, 2016...\$20.
- () Flight Judging \$70/car. Cars must be on field by 8am
- () Sportsman Display Fee \$15/car
- () Join the Northeast Chapter \$35/year
- Total

Judged Car Information:

Year _____

Body Style _____ VIN _____

CI/HP _____ Color Ext/Int _____

Insurance Info: Company _____ Exp _____

Judges Information: Judging Level _____

I would like to Judge: 1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

I would like to participate as an observer judge _____

I would like to participate as a tabulator _____

Spouse/Guest _____

Chapter Affiliation _____

NCRS Number _____

You will be required to show proof of insurance before placing your vehicle on the judging field. This event will be limited to 5 cars per class. Only the vehicle owner may have a car judged, no representatives.

Hold Harmless Agreement:

I AGREE to insure my vehicle and property against loss, damage & liability & to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at time of registration. I AGREE to assume risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, it's officers, directors, agents, employees, chapters and meet workers for any acts or omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others occurring during, or as a consequence of this event, wherever located. 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

You must bring your original insurance policy or valid certificate of in-force.

\$\$\$ Please make check payable to Northeast Chapter, NCRS \$\$\$

Signature _____

Pictures - From our Holiday Party - Dec 6

Photos by Dave Smith

On December 6, 2015, our Holiday Party was held at Sans Souci Restaurant in Meriden. Attending the dinner was 14 members with their wives. We were treated to hors d'oeuvres first with a drink of our choice, and then a beautiful dinner followed. After dinner everybody wished each other Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and we called it a good night.

~Ron Goldberg

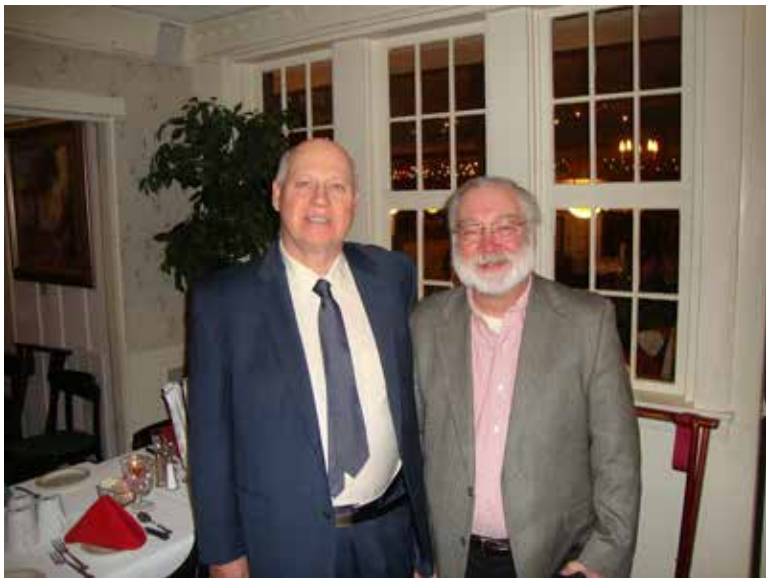


What do you mean, **NICE BIB**, *I thought we were having lobster!!!!*



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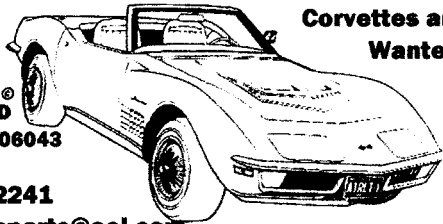
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