



SIGNAL SEEKER

Newsletter of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter NCRS

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January 18
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Chapter
Conference Call
General Meeting

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General Meeting

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Chairman's Message

Jerry Duffey

MAC Members,

Hello Mac members, well another year has come to a close. I think every one who took part in the activities this year would agree we had a lot of fun. Road tours, Corvette Day, Tech and Judging school sessions and the 35th Anniversary party. We definitely can't forget the Chapter Judging meet at Shippensburg and the wonderful aroma provided by a local farmer.

I would like to thank the entire Board for all their help. None of this would have happened with out them.

Most of the members that participate know we register on line for Mac events. It is much easier to plan and keep track of the event when done on line. We will continue to accept walk up registration.

We want members to know there has been a change in policy for the MAC. We will no longer give a refund for not attending an event you register for. Our registration fee is usually ten dollars, when we refund the chapter losses money to PayPal. The chapter will refund car-judging fees.

I want to remind members to write articles for the Signal Seeker. How to or human interest work well. Chris searches for articles every issue. Send your article to Chris at polowhite54@gmail.com

I would like to welcome Tom Doi, as our Judging Chairman for the 2018-year. Tom has taken on a big challenge since we

We Want You

Help us out! The Signal Seeker is always looking for fun, fresh and informative information for upcoming issues. Share some pictures and an article from a road tour. Or send us information about your restoration project that could be valuable to other members. Unlike sharing your home movies with the neighbors who really aren't interested you have a captive audience here. We are all in MAC because we share a passion for these magnificent fiberglass cars. So send us something for a future issue. The chapter is only as great as the participants and we definitely have some great members in this organization. I hope that you will send me some articles to share with the rest of the gang.

Thanks!

Chris Herring

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Due dates for future issues:

March 1, June 1,

September 1, December 1

will host the 2018 Regional at Altoona PA. Also Reece Burgoyne, who has taken over the duties of the Chapter of the year Coordinator.

Finally I would like to thank Martha Baird for the wonderful job she did for eleven years as chapter of the year coordinator. The MAC has been recognized as a top flight Chapter all eleven years.

Holiday Gathering

Jim Board

I attended the Northwest Region Holiday Get Together at KC & Sue's Potpourri Factory on Saturday and it was a great event. As I left home,

snow in northern Virginia set the proper holiday mood. (Roads west of South Mountain, Maryland were thankfully dry.)

KC & Sue are always the perfect hosts. Food and drink were delicious and the MAC members gathered were a lot of fun.

Corvettes and holiday reflection were

frequent topics of

discussion among the crowd. Kudos to Ron Wilson for organizing this MAC holiday tradition in the Northwest Region.

One very special time in the evening came when MAC's own Andrew Callimahos played Christmas songs on a spectacular custom gold and platinum flute. Beyond his love for Corvettes, Andrew is an internationally recognized flutist. Andrew was honored to play The White House this season for the third year. (See attached photo.) We all enjoyed Andrew's world-class talent throughout the evening. Thank you Andrew!



Upcoming Events 2018

March 10	MAC Tech Session, Zip Corvette, Mechanicsville, VA
April 7	MAC Road Tour to AACA Museum, Hersey, PA
April 12-14	Carolinas Regional, Greenville, SC
April 28	MAC Judging School / Meet, Klick Lewis Chevrolet, Palmyra, PA
May 16-19	Arizona Regional, Scottsdale, AZ
June 2	MAC Corvette Day, Chantilly, VA
June 7-8	Michigan Regional, Dearborn, MI
July 15-20	NCRS National Convention, Las Vegas, NV
Aug 17-19	Michelin GT Challenge / Corvette Racing, VIR, Alton, VA
Aug 23-26	Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA
Sept 18-22	MAC Regional, Altoona, PA
Oct 13	MAC Tech Session, Jack Evans, Front Royal, VA
Oct 25-28	Texas Regional, Frisco, TX
Nov 10	MAC Annual Meeting, Chantilly, VA

NCRS Mid-Atlantic Chapter Minutes Annual Membership Meeting

November 4, 2017

by Jim Cella

The MAC annual meeting was held at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Chantilly, VA on November 4th. Mike McCagh, KC Strawmyre, Sue Strawmyre, Page Campbell, Bob and Marth Baird, Patricia and Richard Kropac, Tom Doi, Jim Board, Jim Cella, Bill Sangrey, Steve Ferry, Don Harris, Ed Szeliga, Ron Wilson were some of the members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Duffey at 9:00am

Reading of the minutes from the 2016 annual meeting

- **Motion** - Page Campbell motions to suspend the reading of the 2016 minutes, Bill Sangrey seconds.

Treasurer's Report, Ed Szeliga

- Balance as of October 31st 2017 = \$25,410.91
- Income = \$6,872.56
- Expenses = \$8,593.18
- Charitable giving = \$800.00
- Calendar Sales = \$727.00
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Committee Reports

- **Membership** – Patricia Kropac reported we currently have 170 members. Majority of members are paying electronically and though there is a small fee the expediting of information is greatly enhanced when members utilize paypal for dues, tech sessions and judging.
- **Charity** – Sue Strawmyre reported that donations totaled \$800.00 this year versus \$1,700.00 last year. Part of the decline was due to less 50/50 drawings at events. We will increase the number of 50/50's next year.
- **Chapter of the Year** – Martha Baird reported we need two additional tech articles for the Signal Seeker in order to fulfill all the prerequisites for "Chapter of the Year.
- **Judging** – Tom Doi reported that the Klick Lewis event went well and that the Altoona event is coming up. Tom

Advertising

Business Card Advertising

Business cards must be no larger than 2x3.5 inches.

Yearly rates:

MAC members: \$20/yearly

Non-members \$30/yearly

Commercial Advertising

	Yearly	Single
Full page	\$250	\$65
Half page	\$140	\$35
1/4 page	\$75	\$20
1/16 page	\$50	\$15

Corvette related classified ads "wanted and parts for sale: are free; however they cannot be carried over to the next issue unless requested before the issue deadline.

Free ads should be submitted directly to the editor,

Chris Herring

Email: polowhite54@gmail.com

Paid ads should be submitted to the treasurer,

Ed Szeliga

Email: cdszeliga@comcast.net

also mentioned the need for a possible smaller judging event prior to the Altoona event as a good practice run.

- **Old Business** – Jerry made the group aware that we have plenty of window decals for members cars and that National and some Regional judging events are not recognizing local chapter window decals for points at time of judging.
- **New Business** – Jerry Duffey stated that the Altoona Regional event personnel is set, BUT that the event personnel will need volunteers to help. Also mentioned we will have a conference call in the near future to establish the calendar of events for 2018.

Election of Officers for 2018

- Ron Wilson announces members of nomination committee were himself, KC Strawmyre and Mike McCagh.
- Nominations were open to the floor. None were received.
- **Motion** – Steve Ferry makes motion that nominations be closed, Bill Sangrey seconds All were in favor.
- The nominating committee put forth the following names for the positions and these were accepted by acclimation.
- **Chairman** – Jerry Duffey (fourth term)
- **Vice Chairman** – Jim Board (fourth term)
- **Treasurer** – Ed Szeliga (second term)
- **Secretary** – Jim Cella (second term)
- **Judging Chairman** – Tom Doi

Guest Speaker – Ken Kayser gave a great presentation of the early history of the corvette as well as other historically significant events at General Motors.

NCRS Display at AACA Museum in Hershey, Pennsylvania – Bill Sangrey presented the “New” auto dealer display at the AACA Museum and detailed the first club presenting at the display being NCRS. The NCRS will be the display thru April, 2018 with C-1’s thru November, C2’s thru January and a C3, C4, C5 displayed thru April.

Closing Comments

- Jerry Duffey reiterated we need articles for the Signal Seeker. Jim Board announced the NW Region holiday get together will be Dec. 9th at the Strawmyre’s, and that all Regions should think about events for their area. Jim Board also asked the group if today’s location for the annual event was acceptable with a majority saying yes Jim at present plans on next year’s annual to be at the same location.
- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2pm.

Welcome the Newest MAC Members

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Annual Meeting

by Ed Szeliga

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter (MAC) held its annual meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Dulles Airport Courtyard Marriott, Chantilly, Virginia. Chapter Chair, Jerry Duffey presided over the meeting which convened at 9:00 a.m. and was attended by 36 MAC members.

Following a motion to suspend the reading of the 2016 annual meeting minutes a financial report was presented by Ed Szeliga, the MAC Treasurer. Ed's report covered the period from January 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017. The MAC's cash assets on January 1st were \$27,131.53. During the reporting period the chapter realized \$6,872.56 of income and incurred expenses amounting to \$8,593.13, resulting in an ending balance of \$25,410.91. Approximately 65% of income was derived from member annual dues, MAC event and



judging registration fees, the Sully Station Corvette Day and MAC calendar sales. There were 16 categories of expenses and three of them, printing and postage, the Sully Station Corvette Day, and the MAC 35th Anniversary celebration, accounted for slightly more than 70% of the total expenses for the year. In addition to routine operating expenses, the MAC also made an \$800.00 charitable contribution to the Fisher House Foundation. Regarding the increased use of PayPal, Ed stated that each member's online payment for annual dues or an event registration resulted in a modest fee that was absorbed by the chapter. PayPal assesses each transaction with a fee of 2.9% + \$0.30. Through October 31st there were 96 member generated PayPal transactions which resulted in a total cost of \$97.40 to the chapter. Looking ahead to 2018, Ed projected that income from member dues and chapter events would likely meet or exceed 2017 revenue. The most significant financial event in 2018 will be the MAC sponsored Altoona (PA) Regional Judging Meet in August. Ed opined, and other officers agreed, that the chapter is well positioned to conduct this event and experience suggests that it should be profitable. A copy of the complete financial report is available to members on request. Please e-mail Ed at edszeliga@comcast.net.

Patricia Kropac, our chapter membership manager, reported that we currently have 170 members and that the majority of them are paying annual dues or registering for chapter events via PayPal. Patricia encouraged members to continue to use the PayPal option because it automatically updates a member's chapter affiliation in the NCRS database and it eliminates some manual record keeping and the need to forward member's personal checks to the treasurer via the US mail. Payment of dues via PayPal also results in an automatic e-mail to Patricia and the Treasurer to report the transaction. Using PayPal for chapter event registration and payment of attendance fee is also encouraged as it too enhances administrative efficiency. However, if circumstances dictate, a member may still pay a registration fee at an event, but if possible, advanced PayPal registration is always preferred.

MAC members in attendance nominated and elected chapter officers for 2018. Results of the elections follow:

Chair – Jerry Duffey (fourth term)

Vice Chair – Jim Board (fourth term)

Treasurer – Ed Szeliga (second term)

Secretary – Jim Cella (second term)

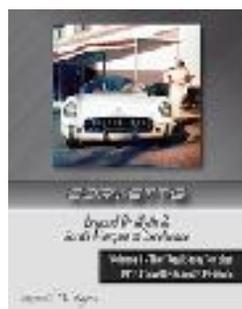
Judging Chair – Tom Doi (first term)

The most significant “new business” agenda item was the 2018 Altoona Regional. Jerry Duffey emphasized that this event would be extremely labor intensive and that lead personnel for various committees and functions have been identified but, they will need assistance and volunteer support from the general membership. MAC members can expect to receive e-mails in the future to solicit volunteer help. Tom Doi recommended a chapter level judging event in the near future to serve as a practice / ramp-up session for Altoona.

Bill Sangrey, MAC member and NCRS Archives Director, provided a short briefing on the new *Auto Dealer Showroom* display at the Antique Automobile Club of American museum in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Bill is the curator for this new addition to the museum, which is exclusively featuring an NCRS display of classic Corvettes and dealer marketing memorabilia through April, 2018. Additional information about the display can be viewed at <http://www.aacmuseum.org/national-corvette-restorers-society-exhibit/>.



At the conclusion of official chapter business Jim Board introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Ken Kayser. Following his graduation in 1973 from the General Motors Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering, Ken began what would become a highly successful executive management career with GM that endured for more than 40 years. Ken is retired from GM now but remains active in the automotive industry. Among other initiatives, with the cooperation of General Motors, Ken is authoring a seven



volume book, *Legend or Myth and Zora's Marque of Excellence*. When complete, the book will document the complete history of the Chevrolet Corvette. Ken's two-hour presentation to the MAC members provided an in depth summary of the early pre-production history of the Corvette as described in Volume 1 of his book, *The "Real Story" of the 1953 Corvette & Zora's Passion*. Ken's presentation literally held MAC members captive (and silent – which was previously believed to be impossible) as he provided insight to previously unknown details and challenges, accompanied by archive evidence, of early decisions that affected the decision to name, design, test and manufacture the first Corvettes. At the conclusion of his presentation Ken addressed questions from the audience. Additional information

about Ken's book can be viewed at: <http://www.tachometerpublishing.com/order/corvette-legend-or-myth-zoras-marque-excellence-vol-1>.

Driveline Deadline Reminder

by *Vinnie Peters*

Just a friendly reminder that the deadline for submitting Chapter meet applications for the Jan/Feb 2018 Driveline is November 30th, 2017. If you have a spring meet planned, I suggest you get the applications before that date. Late applications will appear in the March/April edition.

2018 MAC Board of Directors

Elected officers

Chairman	Jerry Duffey	duffey302@cox.net
Vice Chairman	Jim Board	jboard@cox.net
Treasurer	Ed Szeliga	edszeliga@comcast.net
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Judging Chairman	Tom Doi	tfd_mail@verizon.net

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Klick Lewes Judging School October 21, 2017

I would like to thank all the people at Klick Lewis Chevrolet for hosting a MAC judging school. As usual, the food and hospitality was fantastic. We also like to thank the following members for bringing their cars to use at the judging school. Mike McCagh's 1966, Gary Dukeman's 1964, Patricia Kropac's 1972 and Tom Doi's 1963. Tom and Patricia did an outstanding job in presenting a hands on judging school. - *Jerry Duffey*



For those of you who were unable to attend the Klick Lewis Chapter meet, you really missed a great opportunity to see the obvious and subtle differences between factory fiberglass finishing and paint compared to restored vehicles with lacquer paint or base/clear paint. The original fiberglass finishing on the Mid-year Bowtie car was less than perfect rough in door jams and nicks on panel edges. The creases on the fenders were sharp and paint coverage was thin. Both restored Mid-Year cars showed much better fiberglass workmanship when the cars were prepped for new paint, fender creased where slightly rounded and paint coverage was thicker. The lacquer car had much more paint coverage than factory but the DOI was the same as the Bowtie car. The base/clear car was very well done and every effort to mimic original application was made. Members were encouraged to interact with discussion and comments. - *Patricia Kropac*

In addition to the paint seminar presented by Patricia Kropac, a seminar was conducted on the recommended NCRS guidelines for judging condition. There are five condition categories from "Dealer Prep New" to "Missing or greater than 90% originality deduction" with deductions ranging from 0% to 100% respectively. As part of the seminar, a group of volunteers was split into ten 2-person teams and were given modified "Condition" score sheets to judge various mostly original interior and exterior features of a '63 Vette. The teams could use either their own judging criteria or

the NCRS guidelines. These scores were then summarized and compared to a score from a team of



Master judges and a score using the NCRS guidelines. Although there were score variances, the average of the scores were close to the NCRS guideline score. - *Tom Doi*





Mid-Atlantic Chapter, National Corvette Restorers Society
Membership Application and Renewal
2018

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip +4: _____ - _____
Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Work/Cell: _____ - _____ - _____
Email Address _____ @ _____
NCRS # (Required): _____ Corvettes (Year) Currently Owned: _____

Annual Calendar Year Dues = \$25.00 if paid by 12/31/2017

If paid after 12/31/2017 dues = \$30.00

Membership fee, \$15.00 if paid after July 1st (½ year)

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Patricia Kronac, Membership manager

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