

# Wise Guy Wednesday

Wise Guy 24-10: **I am Nervous**

**Q: I'm nervous Wiseguy!** It's a bit more than three weeks till I bring my Corvette to Bloomington Gold and *go for the Gold!* I've read everything I can find and asked lots of guys about what I need to have ready and what I need to bring. My restoration shop says the car is ready and I should *relax* ... "You'll do fine!" they say. I worry that I will forget something simple or some easy part on the car won't be right. How do I know if I've missed something? *Nick*



**A: Nervous Nick;** Let's see if we can help you know you are ready and you *carrelax*. First, know that Bloomington Gold Corvettes is there to help you and wants your car to do the best it can. You can email us with technical Corvette questions, or questions about the weekend's schedule, or even, 'where is the nearest Starbucks?' (Wise Guy likes Dunkin more!).

But here are a few things you can do in the next few weeks to make sure you've covered all the bases.

1- If you have not already done so, you can request a blank set of judging sheets from our office. Review these sheets and study the items to be judged on your car. Something may jump out at you, such as, the judges are going to look at the jack. Is your jack complete and 'as it left the factory'?

2- Bloomington Gold judges the Corvette as it left the factory. No better, no worse. So, make sure everything that your car was shipped with is with your car at judging. And make sure that things that were not with it when it shipped are removed.

a. **You need:** Both sets of keys, manuals that came with the car, any hang tags or notices about the car's operation. Also remember that all Corvettes came with a window sticker. If you are missing any of these items, there is still time to get an acceptable replacement. A replacement is better than not having the item at all and you may get many of your points.

b. **You do not need:** Dealer paperwork, Corvette brochure that tells everything about your year Corvette, books or magazines that may have featured your car, photos of the first owner and his family in front of the car, etc, etc. You also do not need anything that did not come with the car when it left the factory. And we don't need a Greatest Hits 8 track tape that you bought when the car was new!

c. **Show boards, trophies:** Please do not bring display boards and 3' tall trophies. As these have **no** influence as to how your car will be judged for authenticity, they are not necessary.

3- **Clean the whole car.** Your car is expected to be presented *as clean as when it left the factory*. Some years that wasn't quite spotless. You do not need to make it cleaner than when it left the factory. But check all the sections of the Corvette - you still have time. When your car left the factory, it did not have grease caked up on suspension parts, did not have gas stains all over the manifold, did not have dirty/fogged windows, etc. And if you haven't opened the hood in five months, you may need to wipe/ dust the engine compartment and rid it of dust / dirt. And, make sure the wheel wells are not splattered with mud.

If you have any questions about what you need to do to be ready or about the weekend Event, send me an email. We are here to help you succeed and to make sure you have an enjoyable experience!

Any questions..... contact **Wise Guy** [guy@bloomingtongold.com](mailto:guy@bloomingtongold.com)

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