

Wise Guy Wednesday

Q: Hey Wise Guy,
I registered my Corvette for **Gold Standard Judging this June!** I'm so pumped - I'm planning to go for **Gold Certified®**, **SURVIVOR®**, and if possible, **Benchmark®** ! The previous owner, Tim, took it to some events for judging and it did ok. Some small items were found to have been pretty worn and maybe corroded, but they were the real part that should be there. I guess you'd say, they are OEM. Judges said they are unique or special to this car, but they were a bit worn. Tim and I have carefully cleaned up / repaired many of those items. I have since taken it to some regional judging events where guys have encouraged me to bring it to *Bloomington to Go for the Gold*. My Corvette also has lots of paperwork and documents that maybe prove some components to be right. I thought that was really important when I bought the car and I am planning to bring all of those docs to the Event to share with the judges. My question is; *When should I submit or show this (paperwork, documents) to the judges?*



Thanks, Detail Don!

A: Great, timely question, Don. Original paperwork and any corroborating documents for your Corvette can be critical to your car and may verify its authenticity. Remember that Bloomington Gold judges the car as to how accurately it appears compared to when it left the factory. A Window Sticker or a Tank Sheet/Build Sheet that accompanied the car when it left the factory can validate how your Corvette was built, **what key components** were included, etc., when it left the factory. Your Corvette may have a component listed that is typically expected to only be on earlier or later produced cars, and the factory document may substantiate the authenticity. These documents are good to have on hand to share with the judging team. Also, the window sticker is a *factory component* of the manufactured car and should be with the car when it is judged. Sales receipts, copies of payments, service records, owner history, etc., do not relate to authenticity and do not usually help the judging team in validating authenticity. When the judging team comes to your Corvette to introduce themselves and tell you how they will review your Corvette, you should tell them of any factory related documents you have on hand to show them. This is especially true if your car may have 'Unusual' parts or finishes - please see *Wise Guy – Unusual Corvette* or contact Guy with questions.

Any questions..... contact **Wise Guy** guy@bloomingtongold.com

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