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Welcome Message

Well another month is in the books as we say good-bye to August. As we move into September we welcome fall and all that it brings, including bringing us closer to the end of the 2020 Corvette 'season', such as it was.

Another month has passed and not much has changed. There are still a number of restrictions in the state and some of these make it difficult for us to make plans for club activities. We have been able to meet and do a limited number of things but many of the events that we were hoping to get planned for this year have had to be cancelled, or at least postponed. Hopefully we can put them back on the calendar next year.

We were able to get our annual picnic in, despite a last minute change in the venue because Bushy Run, our first choice, cancelled all events at that location. Vince did a great job finding us an alternate location on very short notice and we had a great time. It was nice to be able to at least get together with fellow members and catch up on what everyone has been doing. We had 50 members sign up and about 45 actually attended, so all things considered the turnout was decent.

We again talked about possibly doing some small outings or events but no one has come up with any ideas. If someone does have an idea let us know and we can send out an email to see who is interested and go from there. If we had to we could limit the attendance based on the event, first come first served.

Since there are still restrictions on larger groups meeting in restaurants we have decided to have one more outdoor meeting. Chas Rottmund was able to secure Pine Pavilion at Oak Hollow Park in Irwin. We

have met there before and there is more info about the location in this Newsletter. We will have pizza.

As far as we know Corvettes at Carlisle is still on. The dates are August 27th-30th and some members are planning on going and setting up the tent as usual.

As you know we are still without a President at the helm of our club, but we plan to carry on as best we can for now, with the hope that someone will step forward to fill that role.

So many people do so much to make our Club an outstanding organization that it is impossible to name them all. The Board would like to send out a big **Thank You** again to everyone who has participated in and helped at our events. You are the heart and soul of CCWP.

If anyone has any ideas they would like the Board to consider for the coming year, please contact any board member or attend a Board meeting. They are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Boulevard in Delmont (if interested in attending a Board meeting contact a Board member to make sure where it will be held).

Reminder: The September Membership meeting will be held as an outdoor meeting at Oak Hill Park in Irwin. Pizza will be served around 6:30 pm with the meeting to follow around 7:00 pm.

Thank you to all the essential workers who are doing their part to keep our basic needs met.

"THE OLDEST AND ONE OF THE LARGEST CORVETTE CLUBS IN PENNSYLVANIA"

Miscellaneous

There have been some incidents where the “Frunk” of the 2020 Corvette has opened while being driven. Some of these have been reported to the NHTSA.

Since the 2020 Vette was a clean sheet design the designers and engineers included a number of firsts in the car. It’s obviously the first time that the Corvette has had a “Frunk”, or front trunk for storage since the engine is now behind the driver. In looking at how the Frunk opens, its hinges are close to the windshield to allow easier access to the storage area. In prior models the hinges were on the front of the hood, making the opportunity for the hood to fly open while driving statistically null. But there have been multiple reports on various forums of the C8 frunk’s hood releasing without warning while driving, with the hood flying up and blocking the vision of drivers.

The 2020 Corvette has three separate positions for the frunk hood. It’s either closed all the way, slightly opened but held with a latch point that allows the use of the trickle-charger on the battery without pinching the cables, and the third is the frunk completely unlatched. When you open the frunk with the release button, you can hear it open past the second latch point, and all you have to do is raise it to open.

When the frunk is unlatched in either position, there’s a large red warning displayed on the DIC on start-up, and an audible warning to alert the driver when the car is placed in drive. Thus it would seem to be almost impossible for the driver not to know the frunk was unlatched before driving off. The frunk will not open when in Drive, Manual Mode, or Neutral. It is only when the car is In Park that the frunk will open when pressing the keyfob.

Those that have had this happen have had no warning or don’t recall seeing a warning that the frunk was opened.

So for you owners of a 2020 model, BEWARE.

CCWP Webmaster

Regis Kuzel

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Remember, if you take pictures of Club events, participate in other Vette events, or you are featured in an article, share the information with the membership by sending them to the Webmaster. You can reach Regis at 412-818-2295. If you have any pictures of your car or anything you want to add send it to CCWP@CCWP.org.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Send all pictures and articles to the editor by the 17th of the month at :

gyoung1210@msn.com or by regular mail to:

Georgeann Young 1210 Harvest Dr.

Monroeville, PA 15146

Do not use the Club mailing address as delays may occur.

September Membership Meeting



Due to the restrictions that are still in place pertaining to indoor dining, we have decided to have an outdoor meeting in September. It will be held Monday, September 14th, at Oak Hollow Park in Irwin. There will be pizza and it will be served around 6:30 pm and the meeting will follow at 7:00 pm. Everyone should bring their favorite drink to enjoy with the pizza and a chair if you like, although the pavilion is fairly large.

The address of the park is: 2130 Timothy Drive, Irwin, PA 15642.

We are asking that you let either Allen or Georgeann Young know if you plan on attending so we can have an idea of how much pizza we will need to order. Their phone numbers and emails addresses are in this Newsletter.

Museum News-Pat Hillyard



However you are living life these days the Museum's 26th Anniversary Celebration offers a number of ways to participate at a level that will make you feel comfortable. In an effort to allow guests to better socially distance while still spending time with friends, they have increased the number of road events that will give those who register a variety of trips to take in their own Corvette to then enjoy a meal or other activity with a smaller group of enthusiasts. The Museum has implemented a number of measures to keep guests safe, including the option to attend seminars outdoors,

spread out seating indoors with chairs being wiped down between seminars, hand sanitizing stations throughout the Museum and encouraging the use of masks where social distancing is difficult. If you are not planning to travel to the event there will be a virtual option that will allow you to tune in to all the seminars live online.

There is a new exhibit at the Museum that details the evolution of the Corvette. The newly remodeled Design and Engineering Gallery features an exhibit that highlights the numerous prototypes that led to the creation of the next generation mid-engine Corvette.

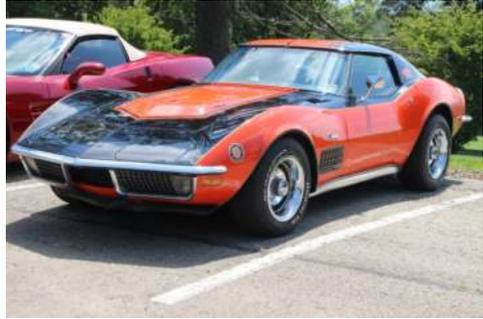
Congratulations to the Corvette Racing Team who went 1-2 at Sebring International Raceway and followed that up with a 1-2 finish in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship's GT LeMans.

A trip to Bowling Green is not complete without getting behind the wheel of a Corvette. Visit the NCM Motorsports Park and either take your own car for a spin on the track or test out the 2020 Next Generation Stingray on the 31.5 mile road course. The track offers a fleet of seven C8s that you can choose from to drive. Walk up laps are offered most weekdays, advanced reservations are highly recommended.

Check out the Museum website for more information about the Museum and Motorsports Park or to check out upcoming activities.

www.corvettemuseum.org

Annual Picnic



Corvette Mystique

excerpts from Hemmings Classic Car Mag.

The October issue of Hemmings Classic Car magazine spotlighted the Corvette in its Special Section. For most of their existence, Corvettes have been blessed with striking, wind cheating shapes and powerful, earth-shaking V-8s, which are just two of countless reasons car enthusiasts around the world are obsessed with them. It's one of those rare cars that has always been a feast for the senses: Its racy silhouette and cozy interior combine with fierce acceleration and road-hugging handling to create a unique and exciting driving sensation, punctuated by the staccato rhythm of the engine's potent rumble. In simple terms, the Corvette is an icon-America's symbol of road supremacy.

Ever since the Corvette's debut at GM's 1953 Motorama, held in New York City's posh Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, car enthusiasts have been crowding Chevrolet showrooms across America to sneak a closer look. They did it back in 1953 to get a glimpse of those Polo White beauties, and they just did it again with the release of the new mid-engine C8, a truly sensational sports car by all measures. And as the new C8 proves once again, Corvettes have remained remarkably affordable despite their relative scarcity, and have consistently delivered the high performance of an exotic European sports car for the price of a fine domestic automobile.

Through the years, the Corvette's shape has evolved from a Fifties-era cruiser, complete with subtle tailfins, to the magnificent exotic car for the masses that it has now become. In between, we welcomed the awe-inspiring Sting Rays of the mid-Sixties, the sleek contours of the second generation Stingrays of the 1968-'82 era, and the conservatively styled, streamlined fourth generation models built from 1984 to 1996, which then morphed into the modern day C5 and beyond.

While each of the eight generations is distinctly different from the next, a family resemblance of artful styling cues ties them all together, maintaining that special Corvette look that is so prevalent in each and every model that Chevrolet produced. The long hood, front fender vents, fastback rear, and those distinctive four individual taillamps that are all hallmarks of the Corvette style.

Adding to the mystique of these beautiful, powerful sports cars is the fact that they are a relatively rare sight on the road. With an average annual production total of somewhere around 25,000 cars since the Corvette's inception, its numbers are fairly limited in comparison to other domestic cars. The Corvette is already a standout amidst your average road fare; its rarity makes it all the more captivating. A speeding Corvette-driving past, hugging the ground with its engine growling-commands attention, respect, and even awe from everyone it leaves in its wake.

Corvette ownership is like an addiction. Many owners find themselves wanting to drive, restore, and collect more than one. With eight different generations of Corvette models to date-each providing its own unique level of driving characteristics-many fans crave at least one of each model, so they can savor the taste of the Corvette experience as it developed through the years. Other enthusiasts are drawn toward only specific models from a particular generation. Still others desire only convertibles, or cars with big block engines. The focus of a Corvette collection can be as diverse as the cars themselves.

Like many addictions, the Corvette is an indulgence that is savored in groups. With several hundred Corvette clubs scattered throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and even Australia, 'Vette fans don't have to go far to find a fellow aficionado. Shows, rallies, races, and even cruise-ins bring Corvette lovers together. Through newsletters and websites, members share tips on maintenance, preservation, restoration, and repairs.

The Corvette isn't just a car. It is a cornerstone of automotive innovation, an instantly recognizable icon of fun, freedom, and muscle on the American road.



September Birthdays – Allen Young



1st	Don Baker	6th	Dean Lindsay	22nd	William Callaghan
2nd	John Lopatch	7th	Jan Hollabaugh	26th	Lynn Full
2nd	Norma McDonald	13th	Rich Zisek		George Franz
4th	Vince Morich	17th	Frank Paolo		Sandy Libengood

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Upcoming 2019 Club Activities

August 27-30, 2020	Corvettes at Carlisle
Sept. 2-Sept. 5, 2020	Hall of Fame Induction at NCM
Sept. 1, 2020	September Board Meeting
Sept. 14, 2020	September Membership Meeting
Oct. 6, 2020	October Board Meeting
Oct. 12, 2020	October Membership Meeting (tentative)

DON'T FORGET!!! Watch future editions of the Flying Fiberglass for additional events and information on The Corvette Club of Western PA.

ALSO: please check out our website for any last minute changes that may affect an event you plan on attending. Our site is updated as new information becomes available. Don't forget! Visit: www.ccwp.org

Illness & Condolences

If a Club member wishes to notify the Club of a death, illness, or accident in his/her (or fellow members) family please notify Connie Jelovich at 724-325-2571, CAJJELO4@comcast.net with the information. The information will be passed on to other Club members at the next general meeting if so desired.

Car Cruises

Lamplighter, Delmont	Thursdays @ 5:00 pm
Plum Legion Car Cruise	Tuesdays @ 6:00 pm
Bridgeville Sonic Car Cruise	Wednesdays @ 5:00 pm
Cruisin Mineral Beach	Fridays @ 5:00 pm

Check Car Cruises.com for more cruises. All events are subject to change/or cancellation as regulations may change.

New Members – Allen Young



Welcome
New Members of the
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

Contact Allen Young

412-372-7802

E-mail:

ayoung1210@msn.com

James Wainwright

2020 Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic

Altoona, PA

Events

As the coronavirus situation continues to evolve and restrictions on a number of things remain in place, it is difficult to schedule events as we have in the past. As a result, many of the trips that Pat had hoped to schedule for our club members have had to be cancelled or postponed. Even some of the plans for one day events that he had in mind have had to be put on hold because of the current restrictions in a number of areas. Hopefully we will get this under control soon.

The 26th Annual Hall of Fame Celebration and Banquet is September 3rd through the 5th in case some members are interested in going to the Museum for this event. If not, check out the Museum website as some of the seminars are being streamed live.

The Free States Corvette Club weekend on the beach in Ocean City has been cancelled for this year. Perhaps this is something we can plan on doing next year. It is usually in October.

The website for Corvettes at Carlisle still shows it as a go. The dates are August 27-30.

Just a reminder that this year's Vintage Grand Prix has been postponed to next year. The Corvette will still be the Marque Car and we are hoping our club will be a part of the planning as we had been starting to do for this year's event.



Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania ("C.C.W.P.")

New and Renewal Membership Application

Date: ___/___/___ New: _____ Renewal: _____

Name: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____
 (Last Name) (First Name)

Address: _____
 (Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Email Address _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Member's Birth Date: ___/___/___ (At least the month & day) Name for Name Badge: _____

Spouse's/Domestic Partner Name (if joining): _____
 (first) (last)

Email Address _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Birth Date: ___/___/___ (At least the month & day) Name for Name Badge: _____

Year of Your Corvette: _____ Color: _____ Body Style: Coupe Convertible Hardtop

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How did you hear about CCWP? _____

Requirements of membership

To be completed by new members only

Please answer yes or no to these statements.

- Yes No I understand I must be at least 18 years old to be a member.
 Yes No I understand the membership year runs from January 1st To December 31st
 Yes No I understand my name, e-mail address and telephone number may be printed in the monthly newsletter

The newsletter is available on the website below. Check here to have it mailed to you.
 (please note that having it mailed to you will cost an additional \$15 yearly above your annual dues)

Membership Dues

Newsletter by e-mail (Jan 1st thru Dec 31st): \$30.00 for a single/ \$35.00 for a couple Amount enclosed: _____

Newsletter by US mail (Jan 1st thru Dec 31st): \$45.00 for a single/ \$50.00 for a couple Amount enclosed: _____

Liability Statement

In consideration of membership in the Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania, I/we acknowledge that I/we have liability insurance on all of our cars as that is a requirement of membership. Also as a requirement of membership, I/we release, indemnify and hold harmless the Board of Directors, staff members and general membership of CCWP from any and all claims, causes of actions, property damages, judgments, lawsuits and injuries whether known or unknown for any reason whatsoever as a result of my attendance and/or participation or the attendance and/or participation of my guests before, during, and after any event associated with or sponsored by CCWP.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___
 (Signature is required)

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___
 (Signature is required)

After completing the information above, please mail this application with a check or money order payable to C.C.W.P. to:

Allen Young
 C.C.W.P Membership Director
 1210 Harvest Drive
 Monroeville, PA 15146

General membership meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

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60th Anniversary Merchandise

Pictured here are items that we have purchased to celebrate the Club's 60th Anniversary. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please join us at a membership meeting or some other event to pick them up. If you have any questions you can contact any Board member for assistance.

Not Pictured: Window decals with 60th Anniversary logo Cost: \$2.00



CCWP LOGO Tumbler

18 oz.

Stainless Steel

Double wall
cold.

insulating for hot or

Spill proof cap
Vette!

to protect your

Sold out



Price: \$15.00



Price: \$15.00

General Membership Meeting (Unapproved)

Sunday, August 9, 2020

The August membership meeting was held as part of our annual picnic at Mt. Odin Golf Park. Vince Morich (acting President) called the meeting to order after we had eaten and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director's Reports**Membership— Allen Young**

Paid for 2020: 98 families, 162 members.

Vice-President / Insurance— Vince Morich

Insurance is paid.

Social— Vacant

We are looking for someone to take over this position. No one ran for this position in the recent election.

Events— Pat Hillyard

Please check the Website and our Facebook page—they have all the activities and details.

Due to the Coronavirus emergency we have had to cancel most of the events that had been planned, including our Spring Corvette show.

The annual picnic was held on Sunday, August 9th but not at Bushy Run. About a week before the picnic Bushy Run informed Vince that they were cancelling all events that were scheduled there so he had to find a new location on really short notice. He was able to secure a pavilion at Mt. Odin Golf Park in Greensburg and it turned out to be a great place for us to gather. The food was provided by the Boulevard and it was good as it usually is. There were around 45 people who attended and we all had a good time. It is always nice to get together with our fellow club members, but even more so now since the opportunities are much fewer.

It was discussed at the meeting that perhaps we could schedule some events that would accommodate smaller numbers of people to minimize contact with large groups. The hope is that some members might have some ideas for these kind of events and will step up and offer to run a few to give club members the opportunity to still get together and do some things with fellow members and our cars.

Pat was hoping to get some members together to go to the Ocean City Show in October but we found out that it has been cancelled.

The NCM 26th Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame Induction will be held in Bowling Green Sept. 3rd thru Sept. 5th. Pat didn't get anyone who was interested in joining him for that event.

There are no other events planned at this time.

Newsletter—Georgeann Young

Everything for the Newsletter should be submitted by the 17th of the month.

New Business

Even though this year's Vintage Grand Prix has been postponed, the members who were involved in the planning will continue to keep their hand in things going forward since the Corvette will still be the Marque car next year. John Walko and Chas Rottmund are on the planning committee and Frank Paolo and Pat Hillyard represent the Club. The ad group for Chevrolet is '720' and Tom Henry's daughter Kate will be the liaison with this group. They will continue to keep us informed as more details become available.

We will relook at ordering shirts at some future date.

It was also suggested that we solicit volunteers from our members and start a sort of big brother program for new members. We would use this as a way to try and get new members to attend Club events and hopefully stay engaged with the Club.

We did mention that we would probably move the September meeting to an outdoor venue since there are still restrictions on dining inside restaurants. Once we are able to meet indoors again we will go back to the Boulevard in Delmont.

Old Business

There is still 60th Anniversary merchandise available.

SPECIAL REPORTS**Historical Committee — Frank Paolo**

No report.

Museum—Pat Hillyard

Raffle tickets can now be purchased using a mail order form that is available on the Museum website. The prices for the raffles has also changed. Pat recently attended the Ambassador meeting in Bowling Green. He said the meeting was very informative and they were able to see the most recent car the Museum has purchased. He also found out that since our Club is a lifetime member we get one free car show ad per year. They may also be able to come to Pittsburgh for one of our shows.

Health and Welfare Committee- Connie Jelovich

No report.

Competition—Frank Paolo

No report.

WPCCC—Frank Paolo

No report

Website/Facebook

Regis is still doing the website and will help with the sponsors. We also have a PayPal account set up to make it easier to pay for some of these things.

Treasurer—Mike Diorio Absent

The Treasurer's report was not given since Mike was not at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report only available at General Membership Mtgs.

The Next meeting will be on Monday, September 14th, at Oak Hollow Park in Irwin. We will have pizza and it will be available around 6:30 pm and the meeting will follow at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned around 2:00 pm.

