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## Welcome Message

On Saturday, January 8th, we held our annual After-Christmas Party at the Lakeview Event Center in Greensburg. Attendance was a little lower than what we usually see, but everyone who did attend had a good time and great food served by the staff at Lakeview. It was a nice way to celebrate the holiday season with our fellow Club members.

We are still planning on holding a Spring Corvette Show at Bowser Chevrolet in Monroeville. Gary Laughlin is handling the details and we should have more information in the next month or so. The date they have agreed to is May 15th, so mark your calendars and plan on attending. Remember, In order to make this show a success, we will need members to help the day of the show and also plan on attending with your car.

We are also hoping that as we get closer to Spring that we will be able to plan some activities for the Club. It has been a tough couple of years and hopefully there is some light at the end of the tunnel and we will be able to enjoy spending some time with our fellow members.

The Board has tossed around a couple of ideas for events but it is important to remember that it is your club and we need everyone's help in keeping it going. One of the main things we need are some ideas for events that you would like to see happen, so it's time to put on your thinking cap and come up with some ideas that we can pursue. We could also use some help in the planning stages to make things happen. The calendar is pretty much a blank slate so any and all ideas are welcome.

A reminder to our members that you can renew your membership at any time. We also welcome new members who want to be part of the oldest Corvette Club in the U.S. The application is in this Newsletter.

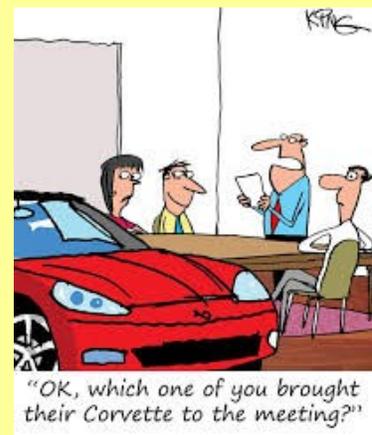
We still have a couple of positions that need to be filled. These are Secretary and Socials. Please consider helping your club by offering to fill one of these openings.

We again want to thank everyone for their continued support through these trying times and hope to see more events being planned as we go forward.

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 any of 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 and you should check with a Board member for the location if you plan to attend.

**Note:** There is no February membership meeting. Meetings will resume in March with the location to be determined. Be sure to check the March Newsletter for details.



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



GM recently issues a Technical Bulletin that deals with the installation of after market radar detectors. The article says that mirror damage like that shown in the picture is caused by a higher than acceptable voltage that damages the mirror's defrosting system. It was found to occur where a jumper harness has been added to the interior rearview mirror's X1 connector to power a radar detector. The X1 connector is found behind the front cover on the rearview mirror. This damage is not covered under warranty.



This is a photo of a 2023 Z06 hardtop convertible that was seen somewhere in the Detroit area recently. It was being driven by a worker at the GM Proving Ground in Milford, Michigan. It features the Z07 Performance Package with aggressive aerodynamics and carbon fiber wheels.



It was estimated that there were between 115 and 122 Corvettes being assembled inside the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green when it was struck by the tornado in early December. Because of the potential for contamination and damage to the electronics from the water that got inside the plant and onto these open cars, GM made the difficult decision to destroy them with a crusher.

**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](mailto:CCWP@CCWP.org).

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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

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

## Membership Meeting

**Note: There is no General Membership Meeting in February.**

**Meetings will resume in March, location to be determined.**

**Check the March Newsletter for details.**

## Museum News-Pat Hillyard



During the major storms that hit the area around the Museum in early December, the NCM was spared any significant damage. The staff at all locations were also all reported to be safe. Within a day of the storm it was also verified that all artifacts and vehicles in the Museum's collection were secure.

Most of the storm damage was to the Museum's Amphitheater but the Museum was closed the weekend after the storm while crews worked to restore power, clear roadways of debris, and ensure that the area was safe once again.

Unfortunately the NCM Motorsports Park did not fare as well as the Museum. The Park is temporarily unsafe to receive any guests and all activities were suspended until further notice. Insurance adjusters and crews have begun assessing the damage and cleaning up of the area, while helping to determine a rebuilding plan for the affected area.



During the development of the C4, The Interior Design Studio proposed designing an all digital instrument cluster for the 1983 Corvette. Concerns over lighting the digital readouts, as well as performance in cold climates, led to the development of a backup analog gauge cluster. Although there were numerous issues that held up production of the 1983 Corvette, the digital dash issues were resolved, and the C4 Vette leapt quickly into the digital age in 1984.

The NCM's Analog Gauge Cluster is one of two known examples in existence.

A newly renovated Corvette Store will be opening in Mid-March. Although they will still sell everyone's favorite merchandise the store itself is receiving a major makeover.

On May 1, 2022, The National Corvette Museum's Corvette Powered exhibit is closing for good. This exhibit features several notable mid-century vehicles that are non-GM/non-Corvette but contain Corvette engines and drivelines. From European and American sports cars to boats, the Corvette engine has powered more than just Corvettes over time.

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

[www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)

**February Birthdays – Allen Young**



6th	Dale Harrison	10th	Edwin Russell	21st	Bradley Paolo
8th	Warren Smith	10th	Thomas Shepler	24th	Carolyn Klingensmith
10th	David Howell	16th	Roger Van Ryn	25th	Ronald Gorton

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## Upcoming 2021 Club Activities

February 1, 2022	February Board Meeting
March 1, 2022	March Board Meeting
March 14, 2022	March Membership Meeting
April 5, 2022	April Board Meeting
April 11, 2022	April Membership Meeting
May 15, 2022	Spring Car Show

**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](http://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.



2022  
Corvette  
Stingray



## New Members – Allen Young



Welcome  
New Members of the  
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

Contact Allen Young

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## Misc.



Production of the eight-speed DCT transmission for the C8 Corvette is slated to begin at a GM factory in Ontario, Canada in the second quarter of 2022. The St. Catherine's plant in Ontario is set to begin making transmissions for the Corvette Stingray and the new 2023 Z06 in 2022. This is part of a 3-year labor deal that was overwhelmingly approved by Canadian autoworkers.

It has been confirmed that Chevrolet will be headed back out on tour again with the Z06 in dealer showrooms.

Recently a homicide suspect in Memphis led police on a high-speed chase through Memphis. The Police say the suspect ran several police cars with the Vette before fleeing and leading officers on a chase that eventually ended in a crash with the Corvette upside down. The suspect was taken into custody at the scene, and he and his female passenger were listed in critical condition after the crash.



The mid-engine C8 is the first Corvette model to be offered in right-hand drive straight from the factory. This model has been named Japan's Performance Car of the Year during the recent 42nd annual awards ceremony. It is the first time GM Japan has received such an award. The panel of judges cited the switch to RHD, the new Corvette's powerful LT2 V8 engine that goes from 0 to 60 in less than 3 seconds. Its smooth new eight speed dual clutch transmission, and its affordable pricing in comparison to other cars in its segment.

In J.D. Power's annual listing of the Best Cars of 2021, the Corvette was top-ranked in its segment in both quality and overall appeal. J.D. Power determines its rankings by surveying verified owners after they have owned their cars for at least 90 days.



The December membership meeting was held at Rodney's in Irwin. Vince Morich called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and we were unable to start with the Pledge of Allegiance because of our location.

### Director's Reports

#### **Membership— Allen Young**

Membership numbers for 2021: 159 Members, 93 Families

#### **Vice-President / Insurance— Ron Thomas**

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.**

We discussed the After-Christmas Party that is scheduled for Saturday, January 8th, 2022 at Lakeview in Greensburg. A final menu has not yet been chosen, but we have decided to have a sit down dinner this year. Once we know for sure how many entrée choices we are allowed we will send an email to all who are attending to get their choice so we can pass it on to the venue. There was some lengthy discussion about the tornados that went through Kentucky in early December and caused significant damage in Mayfield and Bowling Green Kentucky. There was some damage to the Corvette plant and also the Museum itself. There was significant damage to the NCM Motorsports Park. It was decided that we would take up a collection at the meeting, which we did, raising \$500. The membership also voted to take \$1,000 from our savings account and send it on to aid the victims of this tragedy.

#### **Newsletter—Georgeann Young**

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

#### **New Business**

We are tossing around the idea of re-doing some of the previous Laps of PA since there are several that people seem to have really enjoyed. Further discussion to come and this would probably occur in the Spring. Lynn Full has also mentioned putting together a trip for the Corvettes on the Boardwalk in Ocean City next fall.



#### **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 have also changed.

#### **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**

Mike Diorio was absent but had provided Vince with the most recent Treasurer's report and it was approved by the members present.

#### **Treasurer's Report only available at General Membership Mtgs.**

The next membership meeting will be held at the After-Christmas party and then we won't meet again until March.

Meeting adjourned around 7:50 pm.

